This summary is pulled from the report "Destination Medical Center: Sustainable Energy Options", December 2015.
COMMITMENT TO VISION
Commit to implementing the initial DMC climate and energy sustainability visions included in the Development Plan.
- Achieve carbon neutrality across DMC
- Create nation’s most progressive, responsive, and resilient district energy network
- Form a sustainability committee to refine sustainability vision during implementation

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ZONE
Establish Heart of the City and Discovery Square as the Sustainable Energy Zone.
- Focus localized efforts and encourage sustainable thinking
- Broaden energy and climate efforts to entire DMC and City of Rochester
- Achieve carbon neutrality in the Zone after 2031 (non-transportation electric energy)

ENERGY EFFICIENCY
Capture all cost-effective efficiency improvements in the Zone.
- Reduce energy use in existing buildings by 20% by 2020, from 2015 levels
- Implement all efficiency options in existing buildings with payback under 5 years, under 10 years in new buildings
- Build and operate new buildings in accordance with Architecture 2030
- EIC to ensure that new buildings meet Architecture 2030 energy efficiency standards
- EIC to lead establishing a one-stop technical assistance clearinghouse to coordinate Architecture 2030
- City to establish benchmarking, tracking, and disclosure processes for commercial buildings
- City/County to establish a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program to assist in financing improvements
- RPU/MERC to establish Conservation Improvement Programs
- RPU/MERC to implement commercial energy efficiency program with recommissioning
- RPU/MERC to track building energy use from existing buildings
- RPU/MERC to consider installing advanced meters within the Zone
- RPU/MERC to consider establishing on-bill repayment programs to assist in financing

DISTRICT ENERGY
Optimize district energy investments to serve buildings in the Zone.
- Shift energy use so needs can be cost-effectively served by renewable energy
- Capture low-grade thermal energy to be used for heating and cooling
- Further progress toward carbon neutrality likely to require renewable-based cogeneration
- Mayo Clinic to complete the master utility planning exercise
- EIC to assess expansion of existing cogeneration and district energy systems to meet needs
- RPU/Mayo to explore initial partnership opportunities for a combined heat and power project
- RPU to plan to generate or acquire/reline Renewable Energy Credits to offset electricity needs and carbon emissions
- Pre-2031 — RPU to dedicate currently planned renewables to this purpose
- Post-2031 — RPU to offset remaining electricity needs and carbon emissions

CULTURE OF SUSTAINABILITY
Pursue broad engagement to promote and develop a culture of sustainability.
- Actively promote the local and global health benefits of DMC’s energy initiatives
- Provide engagement and visibility around energy use
- Provide educational opportunities to catalyze broad regional improvements
- Promote DMC’s global leadership on climate change to national and international audiences
- EIC to lead establishing a one-stop technical assistance clearinghouse to coordinate Architecture 2030
- EDA to establish a sustainability committee
- EDA to integrate energy sustainability messaging into DMC marketing
- City to promote energy sustainability through website and other public communications
- City to develop plan to make the Sustainable Energy Zone visible to residents and visitors

RENEWABLE ENERGY
Maximize renewable energy serving the Zone.
- Integrate local renewable energy during the building design process
- Request that partners plan for renewable electricity and Renewable Energy Credits
- Explore options to integrate renewable fuels and energy sources into district energy system
- EIC to explore assessing renewable generation costs to building owners and occupants