

*Message from Eau Claire City Council President Kerry Kincaid*

I am writing, with regret, to inform you that I am no longer available to participate in the Sept. 27 event in La Crosse. Circumstances beyond my control make it impossible for me to travel to La Crosse.

As you know, the Eau Claire City Council adopted the 25X25 Energy Independence Plan, and continues to support city staff to meet that goal. Some recent examples of moving toward more sustainable energy resources are:

- Will capture 30% more methane gas from our newly renovated waste water treatment plant
- Outfitting police vehicles to burn natural gas
- Upgrading street lighting in a major downtown street reconstruction
- Exploring a community solar farm on a polluted landfill
- Installing new solar hot water system at a public housing tower
- Active geothermal system at water treatment plant and considering same technology for city shops
- Operating hybrid buses
- Adding non-vehicular travel options such as bike lanes, sharrows and bus connection service to Menomonie

Thank you again for the invitation to share Eau Claire's commitment to responsible energy policy.

Kerry Kincaid

Eau Claire City Council President