



## YOUTH ENERGY SUMMIT (YES!)

**SWIF CHALLENGES YOUTH** in this partnership with the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center (PWELC) that provides hands-on experiential education to address energy opportunities and issues, build teams and create dynamic leaders for our future.

- 127 youth, 23 coaches and more than 70 community organizations and businesses were involved.
- YES! teams implemented energy action projects that involved and educated hundreds of community members.
- 1,000 people took part in the Earth Day event to celebrate the accomplishments of the YES! teams and learn about energy issues and opportunities.

[www.swifoundation.org/yes.html](http://www.swifoundation.org/yes.html)

[www.prairiewoodselc.org](http://www.prairiewoodselc.org)



## COMMUNITY-BASED ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND REDI



**NOT ONLY IS SWIF** serving as a catalyst for our region's assets, but we are also facilitating the advancement of renewable energy across Minnesota through the Rural Energy Development Initiative (REDI). REDI is intended to maximize rural economic development and stabilize rural economies in Minnesota by building renewable energy capacity, expertise and leadership. Advancing renewable energy in Minnesota builds relationships that will ultimately strengthen our region's economic and social fabric.

- Educated over 1,000 people throughout Minnesota on topics related to community-based energy and wind energy in general.
- Developed the REDI program to provide outreach, education, project development assistance and loan funding to rural Minnesotans interested in community wind.
- Created collaborative partnerships with many organizations to implement REDI.

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