Case study

Harvestview Place II Rochester, Minn.



Building energy efficiency into affordable housing







The story:

Harvestview Place II, a new 76-unit affordable housing facility, wanted to ensure their facility was energy-efficient for future residents. Opened in 2021, the facility includes a fitness center, a common area with community kitchen, lounges, lobby spaces, underground parking and in-unit washers, dryers and appliances. After partnering with Minnesota Energy Resources, the developers at Harvestview Place II knew they could make a lasting impression on their residents while saving energy for years to come.

The problem:

In the planning stages of Harvestview Place II, the developers prioritized incorporating

energy efficiency into the property. They knew their modern aesthetic and "live more and worry less" motto needed to accompany energy-saving upgrades while maintaining a high level of resident satisfaction.

"We wanted to provide affordable housing, but also a sustainable living environment, to create a mutually beneficial relationship between MWF, the residents, and the environment."

— Joe Rohlf, Asset Manager of MWF Properties



\$25,570

received in rebates

By partnering with Minnesota Energy Resources, Harvestview Place II received the following **natural gas rebates totaling \$25,570.**



\$9,780 estimated natural gas cost savings per year



8,600 estimated therms savings per year







The solution:

Harvestview Place II's developers used a variety of rebate programs from Minnesota Energy Resources including communicating thermostats, ENERGY STAR® rated washing machines and dishwashers, furnaces, condensing water heaters and combo packs. In addition, they installed low-flow showerheads across the property to save on energy and water.

The results:

The rebate programs allowed
Harvestview Place II developers to use
additional budget for other items such
as property staffing, building durability
and amenities. Taking advantage of these
rebates helped the property administrators
implement a sustainable and affordable
lifestyle for future residents. These
enhancements will save on property and
resident energy costs for years to come,
all without sacrificing quality.

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