

EXPO 2031 MINNESOTA USA SECURES LEGACY SITE AND SELECTS LAKEVILLE AS PROPOSED HOST CITY

Site milestone advances planning for the first A1 International Horticultural Exposition in United States history

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today announced that it has secured its legacy Expo site in Lakeville, Minnesota, and selected Lakeville as the proposed [Host City](#) for the first A1 International Horticultural Exposition in United States history.

The City of Lakeville has acknowledged the opportunity to be considered as the proposed Host City, beginning a next phase of community conversation, municipal review and planning.

Planned for May through October 2031, Expo 2031 will bring countries, institutions, industries, innovators and visitors together to explore the relationship between people, plants and the future of how we live.

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Wendy Meadley, CEO, Expo 2031 Minnesota USA

“Securing our legacy site and selecting Lakeville as our proposed Host City marks an important milestone for Expo 2031 Minnesota USA,” said Wendy Meadley, CEO and Chair of Expo 2031 Minnesota USA. “We now have the opportunity to work alongside the city and community through the next phase of planning and engagement, while continuing to advance the international, national and statewide work required to welcome the world to Minnesota in 2031.”

Expo 2031 selected Lakeville because of its potential to support both the six-month international exposition and a meaningful long-term legacy. The next phase will include public information, community engagement and the applicable municipal review processes as planning advances.

“Lakeville acknowledges the opportunity to be considered as the proposed Host City for Expo 2031 Minnesota USA. We look forward to exploring the next steps together and continuing the conversation with our community about what welcoming the world in 2031 could mean for Lakeville, including the planning, infrastructure and long-term opportunities associated with the project.”

Luke Hellier, Mayor, City of Lakeville
Lakeville's consideration as proposed
Host City and Expo 2031's site
milestone do not replace or
predetermine applicable governmental
processes. Future elements of the
proposed development will remain
subject to required municipal and
other governmental review and
approvals.

Expo 2031 is designed around a simple
principle: EXPO TO LEGACY.

Under the theme Human / Nature,
Where Humanity & Horticulture Meet,
the Expo will use horticulture as a
platform to explore how our
relationship with plants and the natural
world is shaping the future of
communities, food, health, technology,
sustainability and how we live.

The vision extends beyond the six-
month Expo: to catalyze a permanent
destination capable of generating long-
term economic, community,
horticultural, educational and tourism value.

Expo 2031 envisions Lakeville as the physical home of the exposition, complemented by a
statewide tourism framework inviting visitors to experience Minnesota's gardens, farms,
communities, cultural institutions, outdoor recreation, culinary destinations, attractions and
hospitality.

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said. "And we want every visit to Expo 2031 to become an invitation to discover more of
Minnesota."

Additional announcements will provide details on the site, master plan, USA Pavilion,
international participation, tourism platform, development program and opportunities for
Minnesota businesses and communities.

ABOUT EXPO 2031 MINNESOTA USA

Expo 2031 Minnesota USA is the nonprofit corporation federally approved to host the first A1
International Horticultural Exposition in United States history. Planned for May through October
2031 in Minnesota, Expo 2031 is being developed as both a six-month international exposition
and a catalyst for long-term horticultural, educational, economic and community legacy.



EXPO 2031 MINNESOTA USA LEGACY SITE /
LAKEVILLE, MINNESOTA The Expo 2031 Minnesota
USA Legacy Site in Lakeville is intended to be the
permanent home of the first A1 International
Horticultural Exposition in the United States. The site
will host the six-mo

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