



Where Business Comes Naturally

Business comes naturally to Elk River. So much so that we're now one of Central Minnesota's fastest growing business communities, with a job growth rate of 30% and over 60 manufacturers calling Elk River home.

Our goal is to continue this economic growth and vitality by adding to the city's illustrious data center cluster, which includes company data centers for both the Target Corporation and United Health Group. Offering a wealth of dependable power, water, fiber optics, and other business infrastructure resources, Elk River is naturally equipped for the development of data centers, colocation facilities, and carrier hotels. Coupled with the accelerated timeline from groundbreaking to facility completion, you won't find a community that's a better home for your data center.

Why Elk River Is The Natural Choice:

- **Site options available.** More than 40 acres of bare-land site options available, including 10 acres of space ready for development directly adjacent to two Fortune 50 data centers.
- **Accessible location.** Elk River is situated just 35 miles northwest of the Twin Cities with immediate access to US Highways 10, 169, and 101, the Northstar Commuter Rail, and MSP International Airport.
- **Expedited approval.** Having turned around data center projects in fewer than 90 days, the City of Elk River can offer valuable assistance in expediting construction of your new facility.
- **Reliable electrical power.** With an electrical reliability of 99.9999%, business in Elk River can operate at maximum capacity with little risk of service disruption.
- **Cooperative utilities.** Not only does Elk River Municipal Utilities offer unmatched electrical reliability, but it has a history of designing and constructing substations and distribution systems for data centers — at no cost to owners.

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- **Surplus water capacity.** Elk River boasts a water system capacity of 10 million gallons per day. At a current peak of 5 million gallons per day, significant water is available to efficiently cool your facility.
- **Existing fiber network.** Multiple fiber-optic service providers offer high-bandwidth fiber-optic networking in the City of Elk River, one of which has located its hub directly in the city.
- **Climate control.** Being in Minnesota, Elk River offers natural climate control. The average temperature for the state is 41.2°, while winters average at around 14° — making for months of free cooling.
- **Economical business environment.** Besides local financing incentives, Elk River data centers are eligible for utility rebates. Since 2006, existing data centers received nearly \$285,000 in rebates. And with energy costs 23% lower than the national average (not to mention, some of the lowest water rates in the Midwest), you can naturally cut down on the operating costs of your facility.

For more information about Elk River, Minnesota, and how the City of Elk River Economic Development Department can assist with your development needs, please contact **763.635.1000** or **EnergyCity@ElkRiverMN.gov**. You can also visit our website: **www.ElkRiverMN.gov**.



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