



# Sustainable Saint Paul Briefings

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## 2013 Sustainable Saint Paul Awards

On April 17, Mayor Coleman and Saint Paul City Council honored 14 businesses, organizations and individuals at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Sustainable Saint Paul Awards ceremony. The Sustainable Saint Paul Awards recognize community members and organizations for making a commitment to creating a more sustainable Saint Paul. By sponsoring these awards, the City of Saint Paul hopes to encourage all residents, businesses, community groups and non-profits to implement similar projects. To learn more about the 2013 award winners, visit: <http://www.stpaul.gov/sustainable>.

## Bicycle Parking

Bicycle parking is increasing in the City of Saint Paul. This past April, approximately 51 bike hoops were installed on existing meter posts near municipal properties downtown. These 51 racks are part of the 200 bike hoop racks purchased by St. Paul Smart Trips with a grant from the Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot program, administered by Transit for Livable Communities. The city is currently working with Smart Trips relative to the installation of the remaining racks, and Smart Trips is currently working with downtown businesses to determine their interest in bike racks adjacent to their business. Furthermore, there have been three requests for bike racks as part of the [city's 50/50 Cost Share Program](#).

In 2009, the City of Saint Paul worked with the Grand Avenue Business Association to install 60 racks on Grand Avenue. In 2011, the city worked with Greening the Avenue to install 10 racks on West Seventh Street.

## Healthy & Local Food

The City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County are hosting a workshop on Tuesday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 22 on how concessions at municipal and school-related facilities can both maximize profits and offer a healthier menu. The main presenter is Kenny Handler, a senior consultant with [Profitable Food](#) facilities. This workshop is sponsored by Statewide Health Improvement Program and the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department. It is free and open to all interested. Registration is required. Please register at: <http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/phregistration.asp>



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## Recycling

The City of Saint Paul has embarked on a community-wide assessment project called *Recycle it Forward*. Information gathered through this project will help the city reassess its recycling services and determine program initiatives and services into the next decade and beyond. The city hired the Wilder Research Foundation to conduct a survey, focus groups and interviews with key stakeholders, and is expecting its recycling assessment results from the Wilder Foundation in early summer. For more on the *Recycle it Forward*, visit: [www.stpaul.gov/recycleitforward](http://www.stpaul.gov/recycleitforward)

## Sustainable Development

The Saint Paul Sustainable Building Policy was adopted by the City of Saint Paul and became effective July 1, 2010. City staff and project partner staff attended the capstone event at the State Capitol on May 15 to highlight and showcase this policy. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency granted the City funds to develop the Saint Paul Sustainable Building Policy, with the intent of creating a model policy that other cities and counties could adopt. For more information and to learn more about sustainable development projects in Saint Paul, visit: <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=469>

## Water Quality

To improve water quality in lakes and the Mississippi River, the City of Saint Paul has partnered with Capitol Region Watershed District to install boulevard rain gardens in two different neighborhoods. Consider volunteering to plant boulevard rain gardens in the Hamline-Midway Neighborhood (between Hewitt Avenue and Tatum Street) on Saturday, May 18 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and/or in the Macalester-Groveland Neighborhood (between Prior Avenue and Goodrich Avenue) on Saturday, June 8, from 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Sign up to volunteer at: <http://205.134.255.49/~greatr17/volunteer/volunteer-calendar/>

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