



**Mayor Coleman's 2010 Budget:  
Reforming Government, Making Tough Choices,  
Investing in Saint Paul's Future**

## **Payne Maryland Project**

### **Overview**

The Payne Maryland Project will bring together under one roof two valuable but underperforming East Side assets – the Arlington Hills Library and Arlington Recreation Center. Currently less than three blocks apart, the deteriorating buildings no longer meet the needs of the neighborhood. This mixed-use facility will be stronger than any facility each department could create individually.

In July 2008, a long-term vision framework identified the need and outlined future facility possibilities. Extensive community outreach and ongoing discussions with neighboring businesses, residents and organizations brought several groups together to join this collaborative effort and concluded that current neighborhood amenities could better serve the community with a multi-purpose facility. The vision also outlined how the Payne Maryland Project could be developed to sustain future public and private partnerships. By creating opportunities for future growth, we will create a foundation for a facility that will thrive for generations.

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### **Investing in Saint Paul's Future**

Parks and libraries are valuable assets that improve the quality of life in our community and make Saint Paul the Most Livable City in America. Mayor Coleman continues to invest in the assets that build value in our historic neighborhoods and provide opportunities for our city's children to access quality academic, cultural and recreational programs. The Payne Maryland Project, a top capital priority for both Parks and Recreation and the Saint Paul Public Library, builds upon the success of City projects like Rondo Community Outreach Library to bring a new vitality to an Invest Saint Paul neighborhood while providing better service to families and residents.

The Payne Maryland Project would address the following needs on the East Side:

- Strengthen an Invest Saint Paul neighborhood with a significant community asset.
- Transform and upgrade available amenities:
  - Library.
  - Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Space.
  - Enhanced Green Space.
- Build a foundation for future investment and public/private partnerships.