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Sustainable Saint Paul Briefings

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The Sustainable Saint Paul Briefings is intended to provide quick updates on sustainable initiatives and projects in the City of Saint Paul.



Assessment Findings and Expanded Recycling Services

After a year-long process listening to the community and working with Wilder Research on the comprehensive recycling assessment, the city heard that Saint Paul residents want to expand recycling services. Overwhelmingly, residents said that they want to recycle more materials, specifically plastics, and they want recycling to be more convenient. Residents are open to composting organic materials and there is a need for more education and outreach related to basic recycling opportunities.

Mayor Chris Coleman has proposed changes to the recycling program that will begin in 2014 and beyond. The proposal includes expanding plastics recycling, moving to single-sort recycling collection, providing more opportunities to reuse and dispose of bulky items like furniture and appliances, and expanding and promoting composting opportunities. A collection system for organics will be evaluated in 2016.



The Saint Paul City Council will be reviewing the proposal in the coming months. Reports, summaries, research findings and supporting documents that contributed to the assessment work can be found at: www.stpaul.gov/recycleitforward

Electric Car Charging Station Stalls Painted Green at Sun Ray Library



The electric car charging station stalls at Sun Ray Library have been painted green (see photo on the left) to help clearly designate the parking stalls for electric vehicles using the charging stations. The city encourages the use of electric and hybrid electric vehicles and has 23 public charging stations all over Saint Paul. Additional stations are being installed by other private and public entities.

View a [map](#) and a [table](#) of existing stations and look for these [signs](#) to identify charging station locations. For more information, visit: www.stpaul.gov/evchargingstations

2013 Bicycle and Pedestrian Traffic Count - Sign up to Volunteer!

The Public Works Department will conduct its inaugural bicycle and pedestrian traffic count at various intersections throughout Saint Paul on Tuesday, September 10th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. (rain date: Thursday, September 12th, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.). Volunteer counters play a crucial role in conducting this project and your help is needed. Sign up today to volunteer by emailing Reuben Collins at reuben.collins@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Please include any preference for a specific counting location/neighborhood. For more information, visit www.stpaul.gov/counts



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