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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.



Now Accepting 2014 Sustainable Saint Paul Awards Nominations!



The City of Saint Paul is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Sustainable Saint Paul Awards. The awards will be given to honor outstanding achievements of individuals, businesses and organizations that are protecting and restoring the environment in Saint Paul. If you know of a candidate, please take the time to nominate.

Nominations will be accepted now through Thursday, March 27, 2014. The award ceremony will be held in late April.

(Photo above: Peggy Lynch - 2013 Winner of the Exceptional Environmental Steward Award. From left to right: Councilmember Kathy Lantry, Peggy Lynch, Mayor Chris Coleman)

Award categories include Energy Efficiency or Conservation, Water Quality or Conservation, Transportation Options, Clean-up or Beautification, Residential Green Building Design, Commercial Green Building Design, Waste Reduction, Composting or Recycling, Environmental Education or Awareness, Natural Resources Conservation, Youth Leadership Award-18 years and under, Green Products, Green Practices, Sustainable City Staff, and Exceptional Environmental Steward.

Nomination forms can be found [here](#). See past winners or learn more [here](#).

Recycle Your Holiday Lights!

Wondering what to do with holiday lights that no longer work or you no longer want? Recycle them at any 450+ participating locations during the holidays now through the end of January.



Visit: [Recycling Association of Minnesota](#) for details and a map of metro area drop-off locations.

Recycle Your Holidays™ is a one-of-a-kind statewide holiday light recycling program in Minnesota created and managed by the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM). 100% of all materials are dismantled and recycled!

Make it Green!



Hosting a holiday event? Make it a green gathering! Check out these cool resources from [Rethink Recycling](#) including planning guides, tips, case studies, helpful links, and more to help you get started with going green.

Central Corridor Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Planning Project Showcased in Washington D.C.



(Photo above: conception plan for stormwater site along the Central Corridor)

Earlier this month the City's Water Resource Coordinator, Wes Saunders-Pearce, was invited to attend the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) 2013 Sustainable Communities Grantees Convening: From Plan to Reality event. HUD Sustainable Community Grantees from all parts of the nation gathered in Washington, D.C. to discuss their best practices, exchange ideas, and learn from each other's experiences to build stronger local and regional partnerships.

The City of Saint Paul highlighted its Central Corridor Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Planning Project, part of the Corridors of Opportunity led by the Metropolitan Council. This project created a framework for the development of shared, stacked-function green infrastructure for stormwater management. It helps cities streamline stormwater management implementation during redevelopment scenarios. The end goal is to inform the selection of stormwater best management practices that facilitate transit-oriented development (TOD) objectives.

Learn more about the [Central Corridor Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Planning Project](#).

Visit the Sustainable Saint Paul [website](#) for more updates. Questions? Email [Pa Vang](#) or call 651-266-8533.