



## Sustainable Saint Paul Briefings May 2014

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### It's getting warm outside...



Come explore the regional parks and trails of Saint Paul! The city offers environmental programs all year at our regional parks and trails to all Saint Paul community members. There's something for everyone! Check out the [summer offerings](#), including the Urban Birding Festival, Green Time Nature Play meetups, and more.

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### Sustainable Saint Paul team members visit students at Central High School

On Wednesday, May 21st a group of city staff who work on environmental sustainability projects presented to more than 170 environmental science students at Central High School. The visit allowed time for staff to engage students on the sustainability policies and goals at the city and allowed students to ask staff questions about what's happening in Saint Paul. Kris Hageman, Environmental Coordinator; Wes Saunders-Pearce, Water Resources Coordinator, Luke Hanson and Yen Tran, MN Green Corps members were among those visiting Central.

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### Looking for volunteer opportunities?

Check out [your options here!](#)



### Environmental Initiative awards Saint Paul Hotel



On May 22, the Environmental Initiative awarded Saint Paul Hotel the Sustainable Business Award for their Organics Recycling Program. In partnership with the Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project, the Minnesota Waste Wise Foundation, the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, and Troje's Trash and Recycling, the Saint Paul Hotel launched a very successful organics recycling program last year. As of

January 31, 2014, more than 350,000 pounds of food waste and other compostable materials has been diverted from the waste stream and delivered to a composting site in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. [Read about other award winners and nominees.](#)

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## The first of six citywide cleanups a huge success!

On Saturday, May 17th more than 450 residents showed up to recycle appliance, electronics, mattresses and scrap metal at the first of six citywide cleanups this year. As part of the city's new "All In" program, the citywide cleanup events enable residents to properly dispose of large refuse items, recycle materials not collected in the curbside program, and share usable goods with others.



Over nine tons of electronic waste were collected for recycling.

[Other scheduled cleanups.](#)

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