



## Sustainable Saint Paul Briefings July 2014

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### A guidebook to building sustainably



The City of Saint Paul, the Center for Sustainable Building Research (University of Minnesota), and the Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation have designed a guidebook to help developers meet Saint Paul's [Sustainable Building Policy](#). The policy was adopted by Mayor Chris Coleman and the City Council and became effective July 1, 2010. It applies to new city-owned buildings and all privately developed new construction projects receiving more than \$200,000 in public funding. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency granted Saint Paul funds to develop this policy, with the intent of creating a model policy that

other cities and counties could adopt.

Green buildings provide many advantages including lower operating costs, higher rents, healthier living and work spaces, reduced use of natural resources and fewer greenhouse gas emissions. [Download a copy of the guidebook](#) today. If you're not a developer but want ideas on energy efficiency resources for your home, click [here](#).

*(Photo above: Renaissance Box – Winner of the 2014 Sustainable Saint Paul Award – Multi-Family Residential Green Building Design. Photo courtesy of Aeon staff.)*

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### What's recyclable in Saint Paul?

This year, the City of Saint Paul expanded the types of plastics accepted in its residential recycling program and eliminated the need to sort materials. [Watch](#) this short 45 second video to see images of some new recyclable items accepted and/or read about the new changes [here](#).



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### What's happening to the former Ford Twin Cities Assembly Plant?



Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman joined Ford Site Manager Michael Hogan and City Councilmember Chris Tolbert last week to provide an update on the redevelopment of the former Ford assembly site, stressing an ambitious vision for a 21st Century Community that will serve our region for generations to come. [Learn more](#) about the work ahead and read [Mayor Chris Coleman's editorial](#) about the site.

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### Environmental Events in Saint Paul

The City's sustainability website contains a list of environmental events happening in Saint Paul.

Upcoming events include:

**Sunday, Aug. 17 from Noon – 4 p.m. - Urban Oasis Food Fest at 740 Seventh Street East.**

In 2013, Urban Oasis was the winning idea in The Saint Paul Foundation's \$1 million Forever Saint Paul Challenge. Today, Urban Oasis is an initiative of the Lower Phalen Creek Project, a nonprofit organization on the East Side of Saint Paul. Urban Oasis is launching their efforts to create all sorts of ways you can feed your family and support the local food system. The City of Saint Paul will be supporting the zero waste activities at this event and will have a table with information on organics and composting. The event is free. Register at: [uofoodfest.eventbrite.com](http://uofoodfest.eventbrite.com)

**Thursday, Aug. 21 – Monday, September 1 - The Eco Experience at the Minnesota State Fair** brings together hundreds of local organizations, ideas, and hands-on activities. The exhibit is designed to inspire people to lead more sustainable lives while improving quality of life and the environment. Check [here](#) for more information.

**Thursday, Aug. 21 - Sunday, October 19 - Visit the "From There to Here"** exhibition at the Pioneer Endicott Building that explores ways public transportation intersects with community and connects people to places and the opportunities they offer.

See the full listing of events [here](#).

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