



Sustainable Saint Paul Briefings September 2014

Dispose your unwanted items tomorrow at the citywide community cleanup



Do you live in Saint Paul? Are you looking for ways to properly dispose of items such as furniture and construction materials and recycle items like mattresses, appliances, electronics and scrap metal? If so, mark your calendars for upcoming opportunities to properly dispose your unwanted items. Residents may also donate usable household items for reuse. All Saint Paul residents are welcome to participate in the cleanups. Click here for a short [video](#) or visit the [website](#).

Scheduled cleanups:

- **Saturday, September 20, 8 a.m.–1 p.m.**, MN State Fair Grounds (Northwest corner of fair grounds; enter off Larpenteur Ave. west of Snelling Ave.). For more information, call the Saint Anthony Park Community Council at 651-214-6788.
- **Saturday, September 27, 8 a.m.–1 p.m.**, Shepard Rd. (between Davern St. and Alton St., enter at Alton St.). For more information, call the Highland District Council at 651-695-4005.
- **Saturday, October 18, 8 a.m.–1 p.m.**, Phalen Lake Beach House, 1400 Phalen Lake Dr. For more information, call the Payne Phalen District 5 Planning Council at 651-774-5234.

Available to help volunteer? Email [Kris Hageman](#), Environmental Coordinator, or call 651-266-8866.

MID-WEST REGIONAL CONVENING ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE



Local leaders from cities throughout the upper Midwest are converging in Saint Paul September 21-23 for a Regional Convening on Climate Resilience, hosted by the Sustainable Cities Institute at the National League of Cities in partnership with the Institute for Sustainable Communities. This event will provide a powerful learning opportunity for local leaders to discuss challenges to climate adaptation and resilience in their communities, and to learn more about what other cities in the Midwest are doing to become ready and resilient for climate change impacts.

At the afternoon plenary session on September 21, Mayor Chris Coleman will host more than 50 elected leaders and staff from 12 cities in the Minnesota-Wisconsin region to discuss how to build more resilient and sustainable communities in the face of climate change and extreme weather. More about the [convening](#).

Sign up for the Environmental Volunteers e-newsletter

The Environmental Volunteers e-newsletter is sent regularly during the growing season (April-October). It is intended to help inform community members about volunteer opportunities. [Sign up today!](#)

Saint Paul policy to be featured at conference

growing
sustainable communities
7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Grand River Center | Port of Dubuque | Dubuque, Iowa



The 7th Annual Growing Sustainable Communities Conference will draw participants from over 20 states to Dubuque, Iowa in early October. The Conference is an opportunity for leaders from local government, businesses, schools and non-profits to learn from experts and colleagues who will share the latest research and best practices for successfully implementing sustainability projects across a broad spectrum of community disciplines.

Kurt Schultz, City of Saint Paul Planning and Economic Development, and Richard Strong, the University of Minnesota Center for Sustainable Building Research, have been invited to discuss the [Saint Paul Sustainable Building Policy](#), which was initiated by Mayor Chris Coleman and adopted by the Saint Paul City Council in 2010. The Policy applies to all new city buildings, as well as privately developed new construction projects that receive more than \$200,000 in public investment. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency granted funds to Saint Paul for the purpose of developing this model policy that other municipalities can borrow and replicate. Kurt and Rich will discuss how the policy was developed, the details of its content and useful tools to help ensure compliance. They will also discuss lessons learned and recommendations for other municipalities that are considering adopting a green building policy.

Learn more about the [Growing Sustainable Communities Conference](#).

Celebrate National Public Lands Day



Photo by Urban Landreman

Come celebrate the 21st Annual National Public Lands Day with Saint Paul Natural Resources on Saturday, September 27 at Hidden Falls Regional Park from 9-11:30 a.m. You will be able to volunteer, learn more about Saint Paul's public lands and sip some hot chocolate as we ring in a new season.

Last year 175,000 volunteers and park visitors celebrated at 2,237 public land sites in all 50 states. This volunteer event will include:

- Planting trees, shrubs and acorns
- Fun birding activities
- Hot cocoa

NOTE: Enter through the North Gate/Prior Avenue Entrance at the intersection of Prior Avenue and Mississippi River Boulevard. [Register today!](#)

Visit the Natural Resources [website](#) or [like](#) them on Facebook.

Redevelopment of Ford Site gets \$100,000 boost from U.S. Department of Transportation



Saint Paul's plans for the redevelopment of the former Ford Motor Company Twin Cities Assembly Plant got a boost when the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded a \$100,000 TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Planning Grant to study the potential re-use of the Canadian Pacific Railway spur that once served the plant.

The TIGER-funded study, *Building a Multimodal Corridor on the Canadian Pacific Rail Spur: Preliminary Design Study and Master Plan*, will commence in early 2016 with a consultant team to be managed by the City of Saint Paul, in coordination with Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, as a follow up and complement to the Riverview Corridor Study. [Read more here](#) and follow the [Ford site planning updates](#) online.

Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour

More than 6,000 riders participated in the 20th Annual Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour on Sunday, September 7. Riders enjoyed the beautiful fall weather, great food and entertainment, and a lovely ride through Saint Paul on routes ranging from 15 to 45 miles. More about the [bike classic](#) or see [photos](#) of the event.

Thank you Bicycle and Pedestrian Count volunteers!

The 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Count has been completed and is currently being analyzed by City staff. The data gathered from this work will help the City gain a better understanding of non-motorized traffic in Saint Paul. The Sustainable Saint Paul Team would like to thank all volunteers who made this possible! Learn more about the [count](#).

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