



Sustainable Saint Paul Briefings December 2014

The Saint Paul RiverCentre and Xcel Energy Center are exceptionally green



The city of Saint Paul is proud to be home to the Saint Paul RiverCentre and Xcel Energy Center, two exceptionally green buildings that are now the first in the world to be [LEED](#), [Green Globes](#) and [APEX/ASTM](#) certified. Home to the National Hockey League's (NHL) Minnesota Wild, the buildings' certifications signify its high-performance operation, minimizing its environmental impact.



The specific certifications, each requiring a stringent set of environmental standards, are:

- [LEED](#) Certified as an Existing Building for Operations and Maintenance (US Green Buildings Council)
- [Green Globes](#) Certified for Continuous Improvement of Existing Buildings (3 out of 4 globes)
- [APEX/ASTM](#) Certified as a Venue for Sustainable Events (Green Meeting Industry Council)

"This is an amazing accomplishment for the Saint Paul RiverCentre and Xcel Energy Center," said Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman. "These changes are not only conserving water and energy and reducing waste - they are setting an example for the millions of visitors that experience this sustainability firsthand."

See the [video](#) or read the [press release](#) that tells the story. You can also learn more about the green initiative [here](#).

2014 Neighborhood Bike Rack Program results



Hitch rack installation at Pad Thai on Grand Ave.



Bike corral at Bang Brewing

The City of Saint Paul has made significant progress in the provision of bicycle parking in 2014. Funding received from Transit for Livable Communities was used to install 22 new bicycle racks at nine locations throughout the City as part of the Neighborhood Bike Rack Program. Additionally, Saint Paul's first on-street bike corral was approved and permitted on a public roadway. Outside the program, the year also saw the mapping of bike parking locations to the City's public GIS website, the accommodation and installation of customized Highland Park racks as part of the Highland Village Streetscape Program, and the installation of over 100 bike hitches in downtown.

See the full [2014 Year in Review](#) or learn more about the Neighborhood Bike Rack Program [online](#) or by contacting Mike Klobucar at Mike.Klobucar@ci.stpaul.mn.us or (651) 266-6174.

Be a site host for the Citywide Spring Cleanup

Are you a group of people that want to help clean up our environment? Join the 2015 Citywide Spring Cleanup as a site host. With your group, business or organization, host a cleanup site location from 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2015. Locations will be agreed upon with Parks and Recreation Department. Site hosts will help recruit cleanup volunteers; shape what the site looks like; and manage the cleanup site during the event.



Site hosts will gain a wealth of connections to community partners and publicity through digital and print event promotions. The Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department will continue to manage the overall event and recruitment and will provide site hosts with a wide variety of tools such as trash bags and gloves, as well as sample social media posts, site maps, signs and more.

Please consider supporting the effort to clean up Saint Paul by joining the 2015 Citywide Spring Cleanup as a site host. Can't be a site host? We are also looking for businesses to donate breakfast, treats or other contributions to create a successful event. Get involved by contacting Ryanna Jackson at Ryanna.Jackson@ci.stpaul.mn.us or (651) 632-2411.

Learn more about being a [site host](#) or about other [volunteering opportunities](#).

New electronics recycling location in Saint Paul



On October 28, 2014 Saint Paul Councilmember Chris Tolbert joined the ribbon cutting ceremony at Tech Dump's open house, announcing their official opening at their new expansion site in Saint Paul on 698 Prior Ave North. Tech Dump is a division of Jobs Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing stable jobs to economically disadvantaged adults to obtain marketable job skills as well as a pathway to self-sufficiency.

With the new expansion, Tech Dump now has a Saint Paul location where community members can recycle their electronics, in addition to the Golden Valley site. Most items can be recycled for free and recycling services are available for both homes and businesses. Depending on your recycling item(s), Tech Dump may also be able to offer a free pick-up. For more information visit [Tech Dump online](#) or call (763) 432-3117 ext. 1.

Last year, the Hamline Church Tech Dump events won the 2014 Green Practices Award from the City of Saint Paul.

City of Saint Paul's Natural Resources Team wins the Watershed Partner Award

The Natural Resources Team of the City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department won the inaugural 2014 Watershed Partner Award from the Capitol Region Watershed District for their work in creating and maintaining the shoreline around Como Lake. City staff worked diligently to conduct the work or meet with residents who assisted them to stop lakeshore erosion, improve the lake's water quality, and reduce the goose population. The Natural Resources Team went above and beyond required work to improve Como Lake, and the lake is much improved due to their great work.



The City is looking for an Environmental Program Assistant!

The City of Saint Paul's Department of Public Works is looking for a candidate who can fill the position of Environmental Program Assistant for the All In Recycling grant-funded Program. Main duties include providing outreach and assistance to build on new enthusiasm for the recycling program utilizing a new marketing campaign, and providing coordinated and expanded educational and outreach efforts to ensure residents know about current solid waste opportunities. Focused efforts will be within communities where English is a second language, multi-family apartment complexes and neighborhoods with lower participation rates.

This is a 32 hour/week grant-funded temporary position with benefits and duration of up to 18 months. Starting salary, \$17.40/hour. For more details about the position and to apply, visit stpaul.gov/jobs.



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