

Sustainable Saint Paul Briefings January 2015

Accepting Nominations for the 2015 Sustainable Saint Paul Awards

Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and the Saint Paul City Council is encouraging individuals, businesses and organizations to submit nominations for the 2015 Sustainable Saint Paul Awards, which honor the work being done to protect and restore the environment in Saint Paul.

Nominations are due Friday, February 20, 2015.

Award categories include:

- Clean-up or Beautification
- Energy Efficiency or Conservation
- Environmental Education
- Exceptional Environmental Steward
- Green Building Design
- Green Products or Practices
- Local, Healthy Food
- Natural Resources Conservation
- Sustainable City Staff
- Transportation Innovations
- Waste Reduction, Composting or recycling
- Water Quality or Conservation
- Youth Leadership Award-18 years and under

Individuals, businesses and organizations may nominate others or themselves. The <u>eligibility and</u> <u>nomination details are available here</u> and nomination forms can be completed online at: <u>http://goo.gl/forms/X1IBJeJBJk</u> or downloaded (<u>WORD</u> or <u>PDF</u>) and emailed to Mark Riegel (<u>Mark.Riegel@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>) or mailed to:

2015 Sustainable Saint Paul Awards Mayor's Office - 390 City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd. W Saint Paul, MN 55101

Award winners will be selected by a subgroup of the City's Sustainable Saint Paul Team, an interdepartmental team of City staff who work on supporting the urban environment. Winners will be contacted mid-March 2015. Winners will be invited to participate in an awards ceremony with



Frogtown Tree Frogs - Winner of the 2014 Natural Resources Conservation Award. From left to right: Councilmember Dai Thao, Lara Christley, Seitu Jones and Mayor Chris Coleman.

See past winners at <u>www.stpaul.gov/sustainableawards</u> or for more information about Mayor Chris Coleman's Sustainable Saint Paul initiative, visit <u>www.stpaul.gov/sustainability</u>.

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.

City of Saint Paul Environmental Education – 2014 by the numbers



- 2,643 participants
- 94 programs
- \$17,500+ grants
- 1 FTE, 4 staff
- 5 volunteers

Learn more about environmental education <u>here</u> or visit the <u>website</u>.

Visit the Sustainable Saint Paul <u>website</u> for more updates. Questions? Email <u>Pa Vang</u> or call 651-266-8533.