



2016 Sustainable Saint Paul Awards

The Sustainable Saint Paul Awards recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations that are committed to creating a more sustainable Saint Paul. By sponsoring these awards, the City of Saint Paul hopes to encourage all residents, businesses, community groups, and non-profits to implement similar projects. The award ceremony is held annually in the City of Saint Paul City Council Chambers around Earth Day.

Sustainable Saint Paul Award categories* include:

- **Clean-up or Beautification** – Honoring individuals, businesses, and organizations that demonstrate a commitment to the improvement of the Saint Paul community environment and beautification of our surroundings.
- **Energy Efficiency or Conservation** – Honoring individuals, businesses, and organizations that undertake efforts to reduce energy consumption and/or utilize clean and renewable energy. Consideration is given to the level of investment, documented reduction of energy costs, and/or greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Environmental Education** – Honoring programs that effectively teach children and adults how to learn about and investigate their environment and to make intelligent, informed decisions about how to take care of it.
- **Exceptional Environmental Steward** – Honoring individuals who demonstrate a commitment to the improvement of the Saint Paul community environment through special projects or long-term sustainable behaviors.
- **Green Building Design** – Honoring the design, development, construction, or renovation of green buildings that set an example and/or exceed standard energy efficiency, healthy indoor conditions, etc.
- **Green Products or Practices** – Honoring individuals, businesses, and organizations that develop or use innovative products or practices that reduce toxicity, prevent pollution, and lower environmental impact overall.
- **Local, Healthy Food** – Honoring individuals, businesses, and organizations that demonstrate outstanding commitment to promoting local, healthy food.
- **Natural Resources Conservation** – Honoring individuals, businesses, and organizations that replant, restore, and reclaim the urban environment into opportunities for social and physical renewal.
- **Sustainable City Staff** – Honoring City employee(s) who have gone above and beyond their normal duties to incorporate sustainable practices into their everyday activities.
- **Transportation Innovations** – Honoring individuals, businesses, and organizations that are improving fleets, alternative fuels, car-sharing, transit, biking, etc. on a day-to-day basis or in long-term efforts.
- **Waste Reduction, Composting or Recycling** – Honoring individuals, businesses, and organizations that contribute to waste reduction, the development of composting, or increasing recycling and its related infrastructure.
- **Water Quality or Conservation** – Honoring individuals, businesses, and organizations that demonstrated outstanding commitment to responsible water management and conservation of water resources.

If you have questions about the Sustainable Saint Paul Awards, visit www.stpaul.gov/sustainableawards or contact Ana Vang at Ana.Vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

- **Youth Leadership Award-18 years and under** – Honoring an individual student, school group, community youth group or school-wide activity that demonstrated excellence in sustainability efforts. Examples of nominees in this category are:

- An individual who is passionate about the environment;
- A one-time sustainable activity that took place in the school or community;
- An ongoing activity scheduled regularly throughout the year;
- An activity that supplemented an established educational curriculum;
- An environmental action program.

**Award categories may or may not be given out each year, depending on nominations received. If there is a sustainable project/initiative that does not fit well under a specific category above, you may suggest an award category. The application will have an “Other” option listed.*

Sustainability Awards Eligibility and Criteria

To be eligible, at minimum the nominee must:

- Have a positive impact helping to protect or restore the environment in Saint Paul;
- Go above and beyond the minimum required operations or expectations (*for example, the actions are not the minimum required by law, ordinance, or statute; not completed by paid staff as required in a job description, etc.*);
- Operate within the City if the nominee is a business or organization, or must be a Saint Paul resident if the nominee is an individual (criterion does not apply to Sustainable City Staff Award);
- Submit a complete application by **March 1, 2016**.

Please note that individuals, businesses, and organizations can nominate themselves or be nominated by another party.

Preferences will be given to individual(s)/business(es)/organization(s) that:

- Demonstrate successful partnerships with other community or business stakeholders;
- Serve an underserved community (e.g., lower-income area or population, diverse demographic, environmental justice, racial equity, etc.);
- Demonstrate that the project/initiative is replicable;
- Is not directly affiliated with the City of Saint Paul (criterion does not apply to Sustainable City Staff Award);
- Has not previously won a Sustainable Saint Paul Award; those who have won an award from another organization are still encouraged to submit a nomination.

Award Winner Selection Process

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. Finalists may be asked to give the selection committee a tour or do an in-person interview before a decision is made.

Timeline

- Nomination applications will ONLY be accepted January 19 – March 1, 2016. Late applications and incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Notifications will be made around late-March 2016.
- The Sustainable Saint Paul Award ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. with light refreshments following the ceremony.

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