



EAC 2015 Accomplishments and 2016 Goals

12/15/2015

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - TREE GIVE AWAY



Nearly 100 trees were given to residents during an Arbor Day event, which was part of the EAC's work in making North St. Paul a designated "Tree City USA."

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - PUMPKIN DROP



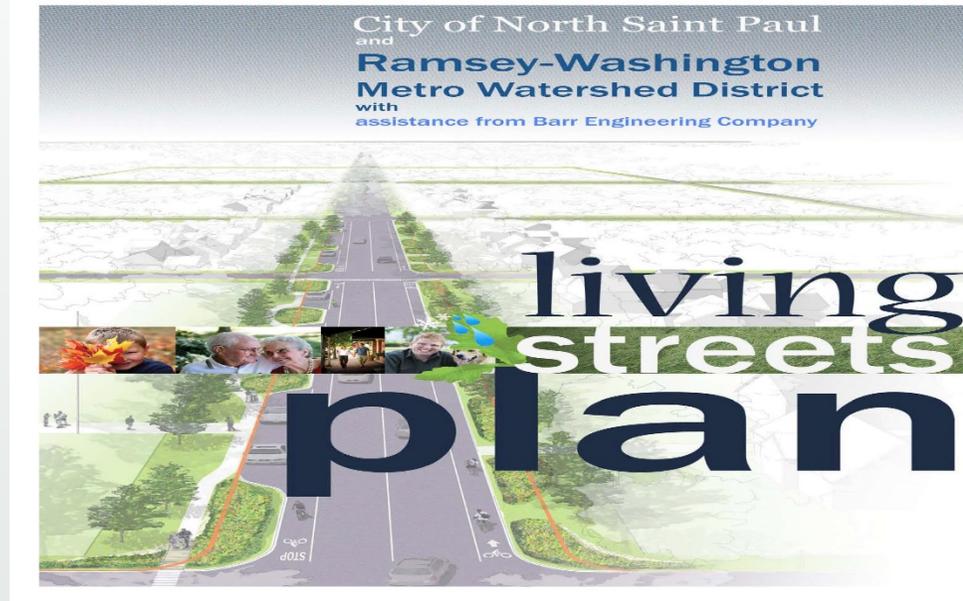
The EAC hosted the 9th annual Pumpkin Drop. The pumpkin drop event allowed many residents to dispose of their pumpkins after Halloween to be used for feed by a local farmer instead of burying them in landfills. Many residents utilize this program 8,560 lbs. dropped in 2015 up from 1,640 lbs. in 2007.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - EDUCATION



The EAC offered educational events at Southwood Nature Preserve. Commissioner Glen Olson led a Father's Day Forestry Event and Cathy Gernes led a program on Frogs. The EAC arranged for a representative from Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area (RCCWMA) to attend a City Council meeting to educate the City Council and the Community on Wild Parsnip.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - LIVING STREETS



The EAC provided feedback and recommendations regarding a series of living streets demonstrations. Recommended demonstrations include: a temporary bike lane, side walk, solar powered pedestrian cross walk sign and cross walk flags.

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

- Made a recommendation to City Council for continued support of the Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area.
- Continued to support and promote the medicine drop off site at City Hall
- Reviewed plans and made recommendations the for Casey Lake Shelter Project.
- Participated in development of the rain garden ordinance by providing feedback to City Planner.
- Met with Ramsey County staff to develop strategies for improving recycling outcomes in the City, especially at rental properties and businesses. Provided feedback and recommendations for the update of the Chapter 55: Solid Waste, Recycling and Composting Ordinance.
- The EAC's work led to the City earning a GreenStep Cities award in recognition of their participation in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program at the Step 2 level.
- Commissioners wrote multiple articles to inform residents about environmental issues.

2016 GOALS

- Assist with implementation of the proposed Living Street Demonstrations.
- Revisit Highway 36 Landscaping.
- Develop a Big Tree Registry Program in the City of North Saint Paul.
- Continue successful events such as the pumpkin drop and annual tree give away.
- Provide guidance and feedback regarding a proposed Pollinator Ordinance.
- Continue to write articles for City Publications, Social Media and Website to inform residents about environmental issues.
- Collaborate with environmental agencies to offer educational opportunities for residents.
- Continue to educate ourselves on Environmental Issues to stay current with the latest developments and strategies to effectively respond to issues in our community.

Questions?