

Successful MPCA Environmental Assistance Grant

Outcome: Nearly 40 Additional Sustainable Buildings in Saint Paul

A 2007 Environmental Assistance Grant of \$36,000 was awarded to create local policies, procedures and regulations that support and guide green development within Saint Paul. In early 2010, the Saint Paul Sustainable Building Policy was adopted by the City Council, but the Great Recession delayed progress on most private sector projects for several years.

All new and major renovation building projects within the city limits that receive more than \$200,000 of public funds from any source are required to follow the Sustainable Building Policy. This requires each project to:

- Receive certification/approval by a 3rd party green building program (e.g. LEED, B3-MSBG, Green Communities)
- AND meet all the requirements of the Saint Paul Overlay, including the following (and other) provisions:
 - Design to B3 2030 energy targets (currently 70% better than an average building)
 - Manage stormwater for ¼ acres or more at 1.64 cubic feet per second per acre disturbed, 2 year 24 hour storm reductions of 80% TSS and 60% phosphorus, pre-settlement infiltration rates, and O&M plan
 - Divert 75% of construction waste from landfills

Nearly forty (40) projects have been developed under the Saint Paul Sustainable Building Policy through 2016:

- Total Square Footage: 2,744,746
- Total Development Cost: \$525,710,597
- Types of Projects: Single-Family, Multi-Family (affordable to luxury), Commercial (hardware store, grocery store, restaurant) Venues (Ordway & CHS Field), Community Centers, a Shelter, Museum, Fire and Police Stations, Libraries



Saint Paul Sustainable Building Policy Projects - 2016

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The Saint Paul Sustainable Building Policy Core Team has been reassembled in 2017 to update the Policy and incorporate climate resilience in the requirements. MPCA is participating in this process. For more info, contact MN GreenStep Cities