



First City Sustainability Plan Adopted

The [City of St. Louis Sustainability Plan](#) was formally adopted by the City's Planning Commission as a Topical Plan on January 9, 2013. The Mayor will release the Sustainability Plan along with his Sustainability Action Agenda of initiatives for priority implementation in February. Check here for updates and details: stlouis-mo.gov/sustainability.

We are Sustainable

While the City boasts many attractive parks, historic buildings, charming neighborhoods, and vibrant places, we know that the true soul of the City is the collection of generous and dedicated individuals who live, work, learn, and play in the City of St. Louis. Individually, we can each make a difference. Together, we can make a sustainable impact.

Live Sustainably: Give your car a check up. Tune-ups can make your car more fuel-efficient, enhance its performance, and make it safer to drive. Properly inflated tires can improve gas mileage by 3.3% and reduce a car's carbon emissions. [Source](#)

Work Sustainably: Save on ink and paper. By selecting "draft" quality or "economy mode" when printing, ink consumption can be reduced 10-15%. There are also several fonts that print with less ink. Century Gothic, a particularly light, thin font, uses about 30% less ink than Arial. Other lower-ink fonts include Times New Roman, Calibri, and Verdana. [Source](#)

Play Sustainably: Visit a City treasure. St. Louis' Central Library reopened in December after a two-year multimillion dollar renovation and restoration project. Updates include energy-efficient LEDs for additional lighting in the grand foyer, a fully ADA accessible entrance, and a new 250-seat auditorium in an underground space that once housed massive coal furnaces. Free, docent-led tours of this cultural and architectural jewel are available: http://www.slpl.org/slpl/library/central_tour.asp.

Of Note

The [Sustainable Land Lab Competition](#) received 48 entries in the first round of competition, and more than 80 people participated in the January 12th charrette. All second round entries will be on public display at the [Old North Restoration Group](#) office throughout February. The Sustainable Land Lab Competition was developed through a partnership between Washington University and the City of St. Louis.



Urban Agriculture Resources Online

St. Louis City, along with the cities of Columbia and Kansas City, Missouri, recently received an Innovation Grant to have the University of Missouri Extension develop a database of urban agriculture tools. The final report "[Urban Agriculture—Best Practices and Possibilities](#)" is now available on the City's sustainability website. The [searchable database](#) is filled with urban agricultural resources.



SPOT LIGHT ON SUSTAINABILITY



The [City of St. Louis Department of Human Services \(DHS\)](#) has nationally-acclaimed programs to assist vulnerable and at-risk populations in the City. DHS promotes the City's triple bottom line sustainability by providing essential social services to individuals and the communities in which they live. Through the [Office on the Disabled](#), DHS recently collaborated on the redesign of the Gateway Arch grounds, as well as the development of the Great Rivers Greenway District bicycle and pedestrian pathways to ensure that all citizens, including citizens with disabilities, can access these amenities. The [Youth and Family Services Division](#) sponsors programs that provide daily nutrition to children. Along with running various senior centers, the [St. Louis Area Agency on Aging \(SLAAA\)](#) offers minor home repair and landscaping services, helping to preserve City neighborhoods and to maintain independence for aging persons in their own homes. Of great significance, the City has expanded supportive housing for the chronically homeless from 11 to 500 units since 2001 through [The Homeless Services Division](#) and other members of [St. Louis City Continuum of Care \(CoC\)](#).

Mission

The City of St. Louis harnesses the strength and spirit of its diverse community to create an economically, socially and ecologically vibrant city for present and future generations - one that serves those who live, work and play in the City's rich and celebrated historic landscape.