



## Urban Sustainability Quest Pilot

The City's Urban Sustainability Quest Pilot was a new contest designed to promote Transit Oriented Development (TOD) in the City. Eight participants successfully completed the fun Metrolink station area challenges to win gift certificates for either Big Shark or Local Harvest Cafe. The City will have a second pilot, which will explore the use of a QR Code instead of a smartphone app. The challenges highlight sustainability features found within a 10-minute walk of City MetroLink stations.

# We are Sustainable

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. Together, we can make a sustainable impact in our community:

## Of Note

### City Sustainability Plan Wins Award

The recently adopted [City of St. Louis Sustainability Plan](#) was awarded the 2013 Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan by the St. Louis Metro Area section of the American Planning Association (SLMS-APA). The SLMS-APA Awards Committee determined that the Plan, adopted in January 2013, is a "game-changer" from the traditional approach.



## Sustainable Neighborhood Small Grant Competition

The City recently announced the winners of the first [Sustainable Neighborhood Small Grant Competition](#).

Forty-three teams representing 30 City neighborhoods applied for seven \$5,000 grants. The winning projects, which include an urban beekeeping youth employment business, a bike repair and safety program, a white roof painting project, an art expo, and three projects promoting native plants, edibles, or gardens, will be celebrated at a Sustainability Showcase on November 9th. The Competition was made possible by the Local Sustainability Funders Group of St. Louis and the Funders' Network.



**Live Sustainably: Strategically Position the Fridge.** Shrink energy consumption in the kitchen by avoiding placing your refrigerator or freezer near a heat source, such as a range, oven, heater, or radiator.

**Work Sustainably: Responsibly Dispose of Unused Office Furniture.** Often, surplus furniture or equipment costs a company moving/storage costs, or winds up in a landfill. Instead, encourage your workplace to donate unused furniture or equipment and take advantage of cost effective removal of surplus inventory. Source: [http://www.stlcommercialrealtors.com/furniture\\_to\\_food.pdf](http://www.stlcommercialrealtors.com/furniture_to_food.pdf).

**Play Sustainably:** Check out the Sustainable Land Lab projects on the ground. The [Sustainable Land Lab Competition](#) winners were announced in April, and the five winning projects are now well underway at their sites in Old North St. Louis.

## SAVE THE DATE

Mayor's Sustainability Summit III: *implement*

Nov. 6th & 9th, 2013



## SPOTLIGHT ON SUSTAINABILITY

The City's Land Reutilization Authority (LRA), part of the St. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC), is involved in many innovative sustainability efforts. Through the [Garden Lease Program](#), individual residents, neighborhood associations, or community organizations can lease LRA-owned lots for just \$1.00 per year. The program allows lots to be used for creative and sustainable purposes. There are more than 500 LRA lots leased right now through the program, and thousands of vacant lots have been put to creative use since the program's inception in 1994.

Even more recently, the LRA has provided access to property for special competitions that encourage sustainable land uses. The Sustainable Land Lab competition, held in conjunction with Washington University, awarded [five winning projects](#) a two-year lease on vacant land in Old North St. Louis, including an LRA lot for the Sunflower+ project. Through the [St. Louis Energy Efficient Housing Contest](#), currently underway, participants can select from 11 LRA lots to design either new infill housing or renovate existing property. Winners of the contest receive the land free of charge.

The SLDC facilitates real estate development throughout the City of St. Louis and aims to bring all City property into productive and effective use. The LRA's efforts to encourage creative and sustainable use of currently vacant properties is a significant part of making the City more socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable.



## 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.*

