

## FINDING A NICHE FOR GROUNDWORK

### Existing Non-Profits Working in Minneapolis That Conduct Brownfield-Related Work (Excluding neighborhood groups and project-specific groups)

Non-Profit Organization	Contact Info	Role in Brownfields to Greenspace	Contacted re: Ground-work? Comments
City Tree Project	Lorrie Stromme, Board Member	To identify, evaluate & research the best plants & techniques for growing in urban core. Plans & designs plantings to restore brownfields & other disturbed sites. Interested in Phytoremediation.	Yes. Will consider partnering with Groundwork (GW).
Minnesota Environmental Initiative	Michael Welch, Resources for Redevelopment (R4R) & Communications Manager	R4R Program helps convert brownfields into sites for non-profit facilities (office buildings, rec. facilities, housing, etc.) Usually gets involved when owners find out about contamination. Coordinates assessment to cleanup until site is ready for devt.	Yes. Participated in discussions & site visits in Aug. Not interested in becoming a GW, but would want to coordinate w/GW.
Trust for Public Land	Susan Schmidt MN State Director 651-917-2240	Land acquisition, conservation finance (help w/funding strategies) & Greenprint for Growth (help local govts w/action plans to guide growth In Twin Cities: major focus on MNRRA Miss River corridor	Yes. Would want to coordinate w/GW if it becomes established.
Brownfields to Greenspace Initiative	Kristina Smitten, Met Council, facilitator	Informal group of govt. & non-profit reps working on brownfields to greenspace. Started from American Heritage Rivers. Main focus in 01: getting PCA funding	Yes. Made presentation in Aug 01. Initiative members David Byfield & David Jaeger on Steering Committee.
Great River Greening	Rob Buffler, Executive Director 651-665-9500	Ecological restoration in metro area, in MN, St. Croix & Miss. river valleys for BF & other lands. Also works on mgmt. plans, planting plans, stewardship, training. Doesn't work on lands for active recreation. **Current projects in Mpls: Near North Side design review, Miss. Bluffs forest rest., Longfellow Gorge Mgmt Plan, Minnehaha Pk prairie rest.	Yes. Would want to coordinate w/GW if it becomes established.

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Friends of the Mississippi River	Whitney Clark Executive Director 651-222-2193	Works in MNRRA corridor to help meet goals of Corridor Plan. Does habitat restoration, cleanups, etc. in Miss. River corridor.	Yes. Would want to coordinate w/GW if it becomes established.
Sustainable Resources Center	Perdida Butler, Urban Lands	1 program working on establishing permanent community gardens in Twin Cities. Provide support, advocacy & tech. assist. to local groups. Some potential sites are brownfields.	Yes. Sees need for more permanent green space. May want to coordinate w/GW.
American Heritage Rivers, Upper Mississippi Initiative (IA, IL, MN, MO)	David Byfield & Mary MacGuire, Mayor's reps; Owen Dutt, River Navigator	Regional initiatives: riverfront revitalization, linkage of greenways, restoration of natural resources; Brownfield to Greenspace Initiative grew out of this group	Yes.
Upper River Plan Advisory Committee (70 people)	Chuck Lutz, MCDA staff Mary MacGuire, committee member Mike Kimble, Parks Eng.	developing citizen participation plan. Partnering w/industry on plan, but want parks also Many brownfields in area	Yes. MacGuire interested in GW. Lutz thought other members may be interested in GW
Minneapolis River Forum	Ann Calvert, MCDA, facilitator	Group of govt. agency & non-profit staff working on river issues.	Have spoken to Ann Calvert
Trails & Open Space Partnership	Susan Overson, MNRRA, coord.	Informal group of govt & non-profit reps in MNRRA corridor working on trail & open space issues	Have not made a formal presentation to the group. Susan believes they would be receptive to the idea of GW
Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota	Dorian Grilley, Executive Director	Helps establish, develop & enhance parks & trails in MN. Advocacy, fund-raising, negotiation on land deals. Holds land for short & long term.	No
1000 Friends of Minnesota	Lee Ronning, Executive Director	Smart Growth is a major program. New Voices for the City program--essay contest, publication, readings about people's connection to developed land.	No
The Green Institute	Michael Krause, Exec Dir Corrie Zoll, Greensp. Partners Program Dir	Greenspace Partners program: partner w/Mpls comm groups to establish & protect comm. greenspaces	No
Clean Water Action	Minneapolis Office: 612-623-3666	National non profit.	No

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Minnesota Land Trust	Jane Prohaska, Executive Director	Protect MN lands & waters, obtains, oversees & enforces conservation ease-ments on shorelands, wetlands, etc.	No
Land Stewardship Project 5 offices in state.	George Boody, Executive Director, in White Bear Lake Mpls. Policy Office: Mark Schultz, Program Director	Develop sustainable communities. Promote smart growth, discourage urban sprawl. Mainly rural focus.	No
MN Center for Environmental Advocacy	Paul Bachman, Executive Director, Megan O'Hara, (Mayor-elect's wife) Communications Specialist	"using law, science & research to protect MN's natl. res., wild-life & health of its people"; 4 program areas: Water Quality, Public Health, Trans. & Land Use, Wildlife & Natural Areas	No
Big Rivers Partnership (not a separate non profit: coordinated by Friends of the Mississippi River)	Central Region: Carolyn Carr, Great River Greening	Team of govts & non-profits to coordinate efforts to restore habitat, leverage new resources along Minnesota & Mississippi Rivers in Twin Cities	No
Neighborhood Planning for Community Revitalization (NPCR)	Kris Nelson, NPCR Project Dir. Center for Urban & Regional Affairs (CURA)	Academic consortium of 9 colleges & univs. in Twin Cities., admin. by CURA at U of M--Mpls. Provide students & faculty to local groups for research & technical projects.	No. Have worked w/NPCR's counterpart program at CURA on non-metro projects.

**Government Agencies Involved  
in the Conversion of Brownfields to Greenspace**

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City of Minneapolis, Environmental Management.	Marjorie Terrell, Brownfields Coord. Guy Fischer, CEAC staff	Regulatory responsibility for all brownfields in the City. Has list of hundreds of contaminated sites in Mpls.	Yes. Devoting staff time to Groundwork effort.
Minneapolis Park Board	Tom Witek, Rachel Ramadyani, Jennifer Ringold Park Planners (all work for Judd Riedkirk)	Semi-autonomous agency. Develops & maintains parks, provides recreation programs. Develops brownfields into parks.	Yes. Could use additional assistance on some Park Board owned brownfields to parks conversion projects
Minneapolis Community Devt. Agency (MCDA)	Jim Forsythe, Pat Connoy, Chuck Lutz Ann Calvert	Independent agency, answers to City Council & Mayor. Is the housing & economic redevelopment arm of the City. Manages brownfields project that increase jobs and/or tax base.	Lutz: offered to send GW info to Upper River Plan Adv. Comm mailing list Calvert: On Brownfield to Greenspace Initiative. GW good idea, but recommended Parks be involved instead of MCDA
Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP), MCDA	Bob Miller, staff	Program to help neighborhoods plan, prioritize, fund & implement neighborhood improvements. Each develops a Neighborhood Action Plan, approve by City Council. \$20 mil/year for 20 yrs, started in '90 (tax increment district \$), distributed to neighb. orgs.	Yes. Have spoken to staff.
Met. Council	Kristina Smitten, River Corridor Planner, facilitator of Brownfields to Greenspace Initiative. Several other staff involved in Initiative		Kristina participated in 1st round of discussions on GW. Thinks there may be a role for GW in brownfields to green space, but declines further involvement until/unless other Br-GS group members take the lead

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Hennepin County, Transit & Community Works Dept., Community Works Division	Larry Blackstad, Mgr Carol Lazod	To enhance how communities in Co. work together: maintain & improve natural systems, strengthen communities through connections, effective planning, etc. Manages several greenway corridor projects in Mpls.	Spoke briefly to Larry Blackstad
Hennepin County, Environmental Services Dept., Environmental Protection Div., Contaminated Lands Unit (CLU)	David Jaeger, Sr. Environmentalist	CLU administer \$1 million Henn Co/EPA Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (2 loans given out) & new Environmental Response Fund--for envir. brownfields projects. Has list of Co. owned redevt sites: 4 in Mpls., CERCLIS database (30 in Mpls.) & master contaminated sites list.	Yes. On Steering Committee.
Middle Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization	Tom Frome, Brook Waalen City of Minneapolis Environmental Management Dept.	Manages watershed: 95% is in Minneapolis, rest in St. Paul & 3 suburbs. Has 20 projects, incl. habitat restor., rain gardens, shoreline impr., master plans, some brownfields.	Yes. See letter of support.
MPCA	Barbara Jackson, Bill Dunn Kathy O'Dell, Gary Krueger	Vol Invent & Cleanup Vol Petrol Inv & Cl. RCRA Site Assessment Br Drycleaner Fund Prop Transfer File Eval. Program	Yes. Interested in coordinating w/GW; some of their services are fee-for-service Bill has been soliciting br-gr sites that need attention, recd. 5 sites in Mpls. Could use help getting word out to ID brown-field-to-greensp sites
Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance, Sustainable Communities Program	Paul Ross, Sustainable Communities	Technical & financial assistance to local govts. & non-profits. Sustainable Comm.: promotes reuse of urban lands, incl. brownfields, reduction in urban sprawl. Also envir. ed. program.	Yes, briefly.

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Univ. of MN-- Landscape Arch. Dept	John Koepke, Dept Head Christine Carlson Rebecca Krinke Lance Neckar	Staff provide LA services to comms via grants, Classes use local sites for projects	Yes. Koepke has visited GW--UK Carlson, very interested in GW possibilities in Iron Range where she has been working on proj. Has class working on Bassett Creek project.
Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR)	John Velin, Director	Makes funding recs. to legislature to help maintain & enhance MN's natural resources. Lottery & other \$\$. Has funded brownfields assessment but not cleanup	No
DNR Metro Greenways	Al Singer Bill Penning	Works on a network of natural areas in the metro area, on pristine natural areas, urban core area and contamination issues. Works with local govts. Grant program for greenways planning, & for conservation easements	Yes.
MN Department of Trade & Economic Development (DTED)	Meredith Udoibok Lynn Heglund, Business & Community Devt.	Grants to local govts: contamination issues, planning & cleanup. Priority to increase tax base & jobs. Greenspace conversions ineligible or score low.	Yes. Lynn Heglund part of Brownfields to Greenspace Initiative. Sees need for more attention to this.
MN Departments of Revenue, Health & Agriculture		These depts. also involved w/brownfields.	No
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA), National Park Service	Kate Hanson, Sue Overson	Works w/local & reg. govts & non-profits to meet MNRRA Plan's goals for Miss. river corridor. Mostly policy level work.	Yes. Supportive of idea. May help meet MNRRA goals for river corridor. Limited staff time.
Army Corps of Engineers	Russ Snyder	Navigation issues on Mississippi River. Some project on brownfields	No



## Potential Sites for Groundwork Minneapolis Projects

### Sites suggested by local non-profit:

1. 3504 Longfellow – undersized residential lot, where house will soon be removed. Corcoran neighborhood.
  2. Triangular lot where Gramercy intersects Glenwood Ave. Across from a new school. Harrison neighborhood.
  3. To the east of the church on Fremont and Glendale.
- Both sites identified as potential planting areas by the Harrison neighborhood.

The following are all small vacant/underutilized lots located in the Hawthorne neighborhood.

4. 2645 Lyndale Ave. N.
  5. 2417 Bryant Ave. N.
  6. 2305 Bryant Ave. N.
  7. 2959 Aldrich Ave. N.
8. Lot to the south of 2824 Park Ave. Small vacant lot in the Phillips neighborhood.

### Sites suggested by NRP:

1. New park at 29<sup>th</sup> and Bloomington
2. New park at Lake and Nicollet
3. East Phillips Park
4. Brownfield cleanup at 28<sup>th</sup> and Bloomington
5. Improvements on south Nicollet Ave.

### Other sites suggested by steering committee:

1. Areas along Basset Creek
2. West River Parkway at 26th Ave.S.

## Groundwork Minneapolis Steering Committee

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Michael Rainville	St. Anthony West Neighborhood Association Transition Team for new Mayor of Minneapolis	Director, Advertising Sales, Greater Minneapolis Convention & Visitors Association	(612)661-4745 office miker@minneapolis.org
Brian Ross	CEAC Member	Principal, Biko Associates, Inc. (Biko Associates is an urban and regional planning firm specializing in community-based planning and implementation processes. Biko Associates works with neighborhood organizations, local governments, non-profit entities, and private developers to create and implement land use, transportation, economic development, and environmental plans using facilitated public and stakeholder-driven processes.)	2634 Vincent Ave. N. Minneapolis, MN 55411 612-588-4904 office 612-588-2637 fax bross@bikoassociates.com
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**POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES  
FOR GROUNDWORK MINNEAPOLIS  
Funds available for brownfields to green space  
(non tax generating) conversions  
beyond EPA & HUD**

<b>Name of Grant/Program</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Purpose/Description</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Seed Money</b>	<b>Operating Funds</b>	<b>Project Funds</b>
<b>Environmental Fund</b>	<b>St. Anthony West Neighborhood Assn.</b>	<b>Implement environmental projects in St. Anthony West Neighborhood</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$10,000 committed</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Environmental & Park & Open Space Funds	Other Neighborhood Associations	Implement neighborhood projects	N/A	X	X	X
Living Twin Cities/ Environment Grants	McKnight Foundation	Protect livability of Twin Cities, protect open space, esp. planning & advocacy \$3.9 mil/yr, for Environment Grants, esp. Twin Cities & MN. Largest overall private foundation grantgiver in MN w/\$93 mil/yr total	1/31/02 & quarterly	X	X	X
Mississippi River/ Environment Grants	McKnight Foundation	Maintain & restore a healthy, sustainable environment in Miss. River basin; establish & improve greenways along rivers in Twin Cities; build a potent constituency for protecting Miss & watershed.	1/31/02 & quarterly	X	X	X
Environment Grants	Patrick & Aimee Butler Family Foundation	"solid, progressive ideas" w/emphasis in Mpls/St. Paul, water quality of Miss. River watershed, \$2k - \$66k	March 2002	X	X	X
Environmental Grants	Laura Jane Musser Fund	Developing a community based approach to solving environmental problems. \$650k/yr, \$1k - \$200k, in 4 states incl. MN.	5/1 & 10/15	X		X for new progs only

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Grants	Cottonwood Foundation	Protecting the environment, empowering people, promoting voluntarism, community devt., Soliciting internationally. 501(c)3 not nec.	None Reviewed twice/year	X	X	
Grants	Emma B. Howe Memorial Foundation	Improve quality of life for community, esp. disadvantaged. Build & maintain community capacity, in MN, esp. Twin Cities. \$2.8 mil/yr, \$10k - \$108k	None, reviewed qtrly	X	X	
Social Change Fund	Headwaters Fund	Catalyst for social change supporting grassroots communities working to create social, econ. & racial justice in MN, esp. Twin Cities: comm. improvement, nonprofit mgmt, pollution abatement, citizen participation. Up to \$5k for emerging organizations	2/1	X	X	
Environment Grants	Carolyn Foundation	Regional programs/projects in Twin Cities, neighborhood improvement, env. ed., nat. res. cons/protection \$2.5 mil/yr, \$100 - \$250k	1/31 & 7/31	X	X	X
Grants	Minneapolis Foundation	effecting long term change to improve lives in Twin Cities, improve health & well-being of children & families, emerging groups	None	X		X
Community development/ Non profit Sector Grants	St. Paul Companies, Inc. Foundation	Community devt, advancing the non-profit sector in communities w/company offices, Neighb. improvement, non-profit mgmt. related to low income housing, economic or cultural improvement. No environmental program funding. \$14mil/yr \$500 - \$450k	None, reviewed monthly	X	X	X

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Grants	Star Tribune Foundation	strengthen Mpls & St. Paul, neighb. improvement, nonprofit mgmt, "build community", public ed & participation \$3 mil/yr, to \$100k	Jan for <\$10k, qtrly for >\$10k	X	X	
Urban & Community Forestry Challenge Grant Program	MN DNR/US Forest Service, MN Shade Tree Advisory Committee	\$2500 - \$5000 for govt. & non-profit forest program development incl. staffing, vol. training, master plans, fundraising support, info/ed programs		X	X	X
Environmental Grants	Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources	State lottery \$\$, to maintain & enhance MN's natural resources, for public benefit. \$48 mil in 01- 03. Should start promoting project 1 year before due date.	3/02 for June '03 - June '05		X	X
Conservation Technology Support Program	ESRI, Conservation Program	GIS software donation program for non-profit conservation and environmental programs	None		X	
Environmental Response Fund	Hennepin County, Environmental Services Department, Contaminated Lands Unit	Funds County acquisition, indemnification of purchasers, assessment, remediation & redevelopment of brownfields for public or private use, primarily for environmental projects ineligible for MN DTED & Met Council programs	10/23/01 1st round due		Portion of project grant for admin.	X
Tax Levies	Middle Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization	watershed org. has authority to levy taxes for capital projects in watershed, comprised mainly of areas in Minneapolis.	None		Portion of project grant for admin.	X
Site Assessment Program, Metro Division	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)	Phase I & II site investigation help for brownfield sites, incl. green space use. Block grant from EPA. Review site history & take envir. field samples. High priority on high health risk sites & tax forfeited properties Application process. No fee charged.	None		Portion of project grant for admin.	X

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Metro Greenways Planning Grants	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)	Delelop natural resource inventories & management plans, restore locally valued natural habitat, enhance open spaces in regional greenway network			Portion of project grant for admin.	X
Minnesota Re Leaf Program	MDNR	Purchase & plant native trees, educational programs	mid-Nov 2003		Portion of project grant for admin.	X
Environmental Partnerships Grant Program	MDNR	Environmental service projects & related education activities through public/private partnerships	3/31/02		Portion of project grant for admin.	X
Outdoor Recreation Grant Program	MDNR	acquisition & development or redevelopment of outdoor rec. facilities Projects must be sponsored by a local govt.	3/31/02		Portion of project grant for admin.	X
Local Trail Connections Program	MDNR	Land acquisition & trail development for short trail connections, not part of Regional Open Space System. Projects must be sponsored by a local govt.	2/28/02		Portion of project grant for admin.	X
National Recreation Trail Program	MDNR	Development/rehab of recreational trails, trailheads (Simms Act \$) Projects must be sponsored by a govt.	2/28/02		Portion of project grant for admin.	X
Site Protection/Restoration Grants	MDNR, Metro Greenways Acquisition and Restoration Program	Purchase properties or easements for interconnected parks & open space in metro area. Some \$ for restoration & management.	3/29/02		Portion of project grant for admin.	X

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Conservation Partners Grant Program	MDNR	cooperative habitat restoration & research projects, \$20,000 max.	3/29/02		Portion of project grant for admin.	X
Sustainable Communities Grants	Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance	Projects to restore altered/degraded sites are eligible. Will support min. 1 project in urban core/year.	Postponed for 2002		Portion of project grant for admin.	X