

East Phillips Improvement Project

The East Phillips Neighborhood is targeted for lead hazard reduction in housing during the next three years. This is made possible through a grant provided by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The project is taking place in conjunction with cleanup of arsenic in soil by the US Environmental Protection Agency.

What will happen:

- Lead hazards will be removed from 300 dwelling units.
- Old lead-contaminated windows will be replaced with modern, energy-efficient units.
- Lead paint will be stabilized or covered on older houses.
- Leaking roofs and plumbing will be repaired.
- Yard soils will be covered and stabilized; sustainable landscape designs will be used.
- Treated units will have full lead inspections.
- Lead education and outreach will be performed throughout the neighborhood.
- Opportunity will be provided for local contractors to perform work according to lead-safe work practices.

Community-based organizations such as the East Phillips Improvement Coalition, Environmental Justice, the Green Institute and others will be providing assistance and support. The project seeks to address other issues such as unhealthy interior environments, energy use, and other concerns of the neighborhood. The City will lead efforts to strengthen the neighborhood infrastructure.

Project Partners

- The East Phillips Improvement Coalition
- The Green Institute
- Groundwork Minneapolis
- The City of Minneapolis
- State of Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- State of Minnesota Department of Health
- US Environmental Protection Agency

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Past Success

As of 2004, HUD programs administered by the City have reduced or eliminated lead hazards in over 1600 units of low-income housing within the city and delivered thousands of educational messages to residents. The result has been a significant reduction in numbers of children with blood lead levels in the city—a decrease of over 60% in the last five years. The city's goal is to eliminate lead poisoning in children by 2010.

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