



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of City Coordinator

**Date:** June 9, 2010  
**To:** Don Samuels, Council Member Chair, Public Safety & Health  
**Subject:** **2010 Living Well Sustainability Report**  
**Recommendation:** Receive and File

### Previous Directives:

- **April 2009:** Minneapolis Greenprint Sustainability Report
- **May 2008:** Minneapolis Living Well Sustainability Report
- **June 23, 2008:** Council directs staff to develop a green jobs indicator
- **June 2006:** First Minneapolis Annual Sustainability Report release
- **March 31, 2006:** Adopted Sustainability Targets and new Air Quality indicator
- **Resolution: 2005R-251:** Adopted 23 Sustainability Indicators and further directed staff
- **Resolution 2003R-133:** Initiated the Sustainability Initiative

### Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: June Mathiowetz, Gretchen Musicant, David Rubedor, Kristin Guild and Mark Brinda

### Financial Impact

No financial impact

### Supporting Information

Attached is the 2010 Living Well – the fifth annual report on progress related to the City Council adopted indicators that evolved out of the City's 2003 Sustainability Initiative. Each of the 26 indicators found in the report tracks targets, trends and recent activities and allows us to measure progress and match actions with goals.

The report is divided into three sections focusing on quality of life. Minneapolis successes tracked in the report include:

#### ***A Healthy Life***

- Meeting the teen pregnancy target for the first time.

- Decreasing the asthma hospitalization rate by 10 percent from a year ago, with the greatest improvement among children up to age 4.
- Inspecting all the homes of children with lead poisoning for the first time in Minneapolis history, and a decrease in the number of kids found to have lead poisoning.

### ***Greenprint***

- Meeting the target for no combined sewer overflows for the third year in a row.
- Expanding a pilot residential organics composting program to a second neighborhood.
- Engaging more than 100 residents in the Homegrown Minneapolis initiative, focused on expanding efforts to grow, sell, distribute and consume more fresh, sustainably produced and locally grown foods.
- Completing the downtown Marquette and Second avenues transit project providing side-by-side bus-only lanes for less idling of buses in downtown, decreased stormwater runoff, more efficient lighting and new trees.

### ***A Vital Community***

- Nearing our 2014 target for brownfield sites by cleaning up 97 sites since 2004.
- Meeting the homicide reduction target for the second year in a row.

Despite these advances, the city also continues to face a number of challenges that will require more efforts to resolve. These include the number of families and individuals staying in shelters increasing for the third year in a row, a higher first quarter homicide rate, 14 percent of Minneapolis residents living in poverty and 36 percent of those residents are people of color, and 10 percent of employed residents living in poverty.

A special thanks to all involved in completing this report: the City's Citizen Environmental Advisory Committee, Environmental Coordinating Team, the Minneapolis Public Schools, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, numerous City staff from CPED, Communications, Health and Family Support, Public Works and Regulatory Services, Mayor R.T. Rybak, and the City Council.

Sustainability staff leads included: Matt Bower, David C. Johnson, Kim MacDonald, Lisa Ray, Pat Teske, Kevin Carroll, Lara Tiede, Cathy ten Broeke, Matthew Ayers, Lisa Thornquist, Doris O'Neal, Coral Garner, David Rubedor, Mark Brinda, Kristin Guild, Gayle Prest, Emily Stern, Ralph Sievert, Patrick Hanlon, Lois Eberhart, Tim Brown, Don Pflaum, Shaun Murphy, Anna Flintoft, Susan Young, Kristen Klingler, Brette Hjelle, Angela Hackel, Merland Otto, Barb Sporlein, Gopal Narayan, Gretchen Musicant, Pat Harrison, Lisa Smestad, Deb Bahr-Helgen, Eliza Schell, Lori Olson, Elizabeth Haugen, Marlana Bromschwig.

The report can be found on this City's website along with a listing of sustainability awards received by the City at: [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability)

**Cc:** Sustainability Staff Leads and Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

**Attachment 1:** 2010 Living Well Report