



What is the Loring Greenway?

Activities: The Loring Greenway, a three-acre corridor connecting Nicollet Mall and Loring Park in downtown Minneapolis, is used daily by pedestrians, bikers, area residents, convention-goers and hotel guests and serves as a venue for special events such as weddings, photo shoots, neighborhood gatherings and picnic lunches.

Plants: Although countless at this point, the gardens include more than 10,000 shrubs, 10,000 perennials and 2,500 annuals, as well as 221 trees representing 26 species.

Amenities: The walkways that make up the Loring Greenway include 18 French bistro tables and 60 chairs; seven metal benches; a playground; two fountains; winter lighting on the trees near the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis; a dog area; and a Little Free Library.

Why is the Loring Greenway important?

Environment: Scientific evidence shows that experiencing nature makes people happier, healthier and more productive. Leaves on the plants and trees remove pollution from the air. Plants provide a home for pollinating birds and bees.

Community: Working together on volunteer days and participating in Loring Greenway events are opportunities for neighbors to get to know each other and make the Loring Greenway safer and more enjoyable. Providing a beautiful place for dog walkers further connects neighbors. Safety is supported by coordination with the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis and Citizens for a Loring Park Community.

Value: Recognizing the importance of the Loring Greenway to home values, real estate agents cite the Loring Greenway as an important neighborhood amenity.

How does the Loring Greenway Association work?

The Loring Greenway Association (LGA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, governed by a Board of Directors with representatives from the residences along the Loring Greenway. The Board of Directors recruits additional volunteers and donors to provide the resources needed to keep the Loring Greenway a beautiful and welcoming space.

Success depends on dedicated, hard-working neighbors and friends, who provided 4,219 volunteer hours and \$68,231 in contributions in 2017, and on partnerships with the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department, and other area businesses.

Partners

Target Corporation and the Target Volunteer Council donated funds for perennials and native plants and provided 150 gardening volunteers on two days in May. The Hyatt Regency Minneapolis provided lunch and facilities for staging that event, and also sponsored the LGA annual meeting and recognition event for volunteers and donors.

City of Minneapolis Public Works employee Mark Clark mows, sweeps, clears leaves and snow, removes trash, replaces light bulbs, completes other City of Minneapolis tasks, and contributes assistance as requested by the LGA gardening team. In addition, he provides a positive presence and enhances security on the Loring Greenway. City of Minneapolis plumbers maintain the fountains and the irrigation system. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board provides tree removal and pruning services.

Landscape architect Guy Mueller prepared detailed planting and landscape designs. Rainbow Tree Care, contracted by LGA, fertilizes trees and treats the ash trees for Emerald Ash Borer. Outside contractors, contracted by LGA, provided mulch, boulders and other features.

2017 Accomplishments

Gardening. The Loring Greenway received a Downtown Improvement District Greening Award for the eighth year in a row, this time for Best Large Green Space in the City of Minneapolis. Some of the reasons for its recognition include the following:

- Implementation of new designs to attract pollinators, increased native plantings in the Loring Green West fence garden and Greenway Gables lane and dog area, and fountain pyramid and saucer gardens provided by a special contribution from Richard Anderson

- Enhancements to the native shade garden, aspen glade 110 Grant garden, Grant Street entrance, and coleus garden at the east end of the Nicollet lane that was designed and planted by Claire Selkurt
- Installation of hoop fencing to protect sensitive garden areas
- Monthly Saturday volunteer workdays
- Development of the Adopt-a-Garden Program for maintenance throughout the summer
- Volunteers dedicated to watering and weeding gardens during the week all summer

Tree maintenance. A walkthrough of the Loring Greenway took place on September 11 with head of MPRB forestry Ralph Sievert, district urban forester Dana Hendricksen, and board member Dr. Lee Frelich, University of Minnesota. Tree maintenance activities to be carried out by MPRB forestry during winter 2017-2018 as a result of the walkthrough included the following:

- Remove dead branches on lower parts of locust crowns throughout the greenway
- Trim lower branches of lindens on north side of Loring Way (210 W. Grant) to let more light into the shade garden and keep branches away from the building
- Trim branches that hang downwards onto the pergola structures
- Trim branches of the Amur maples and others that may interfere with emergency and maintenance vehicle traffic
- Trim the river birches on the branch of the greenway going to Grant Street to lighten the weight of the ones with partially split trunks and for clearance for maintenance vehicles
- Remove the large locust with the big split in the shade garden on the north side of Loring Way
- Remove three ashes with girdling roots or no growing space
- Remove branches near the banner poles north of the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis

Memorial trees and plaques. A redbud planted four years ago was designated as a memorial to board member Mike Troje. A plaque for Archibald Leyasmeyer was installed near the rhododendrons along the fence between Loring Green West and Loring Green East. A plaque commemorating 25 years of volunteering by Richard Anderson was installed near the serviceberry tree on the small pyramid just south of the pyramid fountain.

Tree diversity. The LGA has increased tree diversity significantly. The total number of tree species present prior to the formation of the LGA was 15; as of 2017 there are 26 tree species.

Tree species present then and now (14 species): Green Ash, Honey Locust, European Linden, Austrian Pine, River Birch, Concolor Fir, Amur Maple, Northern Red Oak, Sugar Maple, Red Maple, Blue Spruce, Freeman Maple, Serviceberry, Flowering Crabapple

Species new to the Loring Greenway (12 species): Starr Magnolia, Callery Pear, White Cedar (Arborvitae), Kentucky Coffeetree, Ohio Buckeye, Redbud, Eastern Hemlock, American Elm (disease-resistant), Quaking Aspen, Sumac, Black Hills Spruce, and Red Mulberry

Species present then and not present now (1 species): Hackberry (died of unknown disease in 2015)

Native plants and the shade garden. The hoop fence was installed along the sidewalk sides of the shade garden during spring 2017. Several large-flowered trillium and three spikenards were donated and added to the garden. Due to the high rabbit population, some of the plant species in the shade garden were badly damaged. Temporary fencing was installed to protect individual plants. A more permanent solution to place a wire fence inside the hoop fence and keep rabbits out has been planned for spring 2018. The fence would be black wire and minimally visible so as not to detract from the design of the hoop fence. The garden should recover in the absence of rabbits. However, there is an open question about how the tuck-pointing and other building maintenance for Loring Way will impact the garden during the 2018 growing season.

Little Free Library. It was another banner year for strollers on the Loring Greenway stopping for a book at the new Little Free Library that replaced the original one, which was showing its weathered age. Thanks to generous donations from the Library Committee at Loring Green East, a wide array – mysteries, cookbooks, serious books, humorous books – was placed in the new Little Free Library and quickly snapped up. Volunteers stock it regularly and always find it interesting that there seems to be a reader for every title, no matter how esoteric.

Physical Enhancements. The following were accomplished in 2017:

- Added colorful, art bike racks along the Lasalle bridge
- Installed hoop fencing to protect gardens
- Worked with Public Works on fountain and masonry repairs

2017 Board Members

The following served at least a partial year on the board of directors in 2017:

Richard Anderson	Karen Lund-Brust
Paula Buckner	Mary Maier
Pat Davies	Monica Marx
Nicholas Deacon	Laura Mattson
Lee Frelich	Mark Ring
Steve Hillestad	Claire Selkurt
Merry Keefe	Bill Snyder
Mary Alyce Krohnke	John Van Heel
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2017 Officers

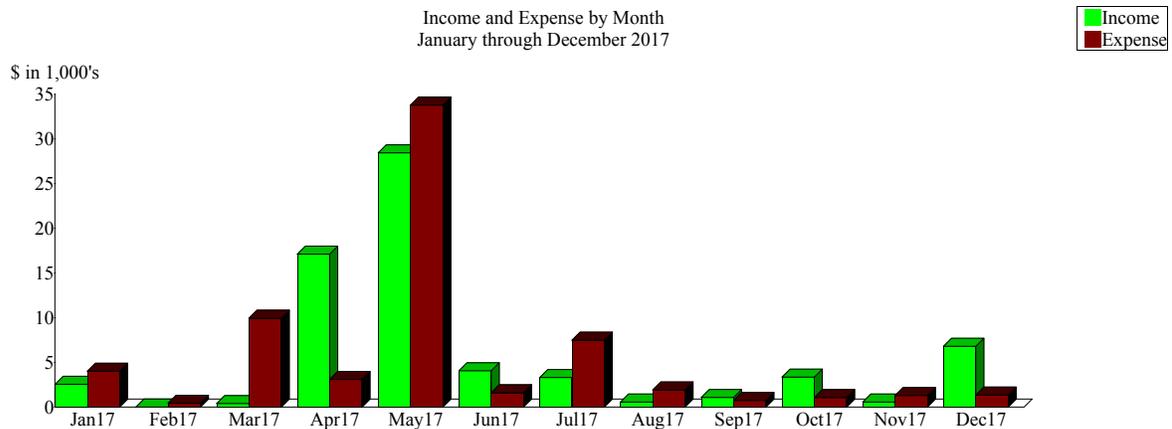
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2017 Gardening Committee

Fred Aden	Center Section Coordinator
Richard Anderson	West Section Leader
Nicholas Deacon	Center Section Coordinator
Lee Frelich	Native Plants and Tree Advisor and Tree Donations
Janet Gendler	Adopt-a-garden Program
Merry Keefe	Garden Coordinator
Mary Alyce Krohnke	
Peggy MacRae	Adopt-a-garden Program and Garden Coordinator
Mary Maier	Gardening Committee Chair
Guy Mueller	Landscape Designer
Jane Nevin	
Claire Selkurt	
Marsha Weidenhammer	East Section Coordinator

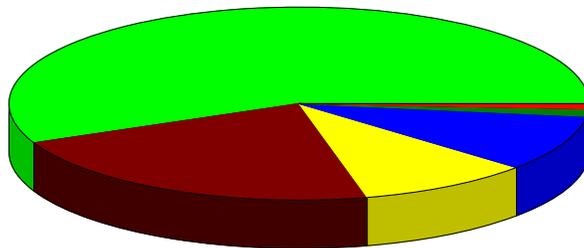
2017 Financial Report

Income offset expenses in 2017, with income exceeding expenses by \$1,536.80.

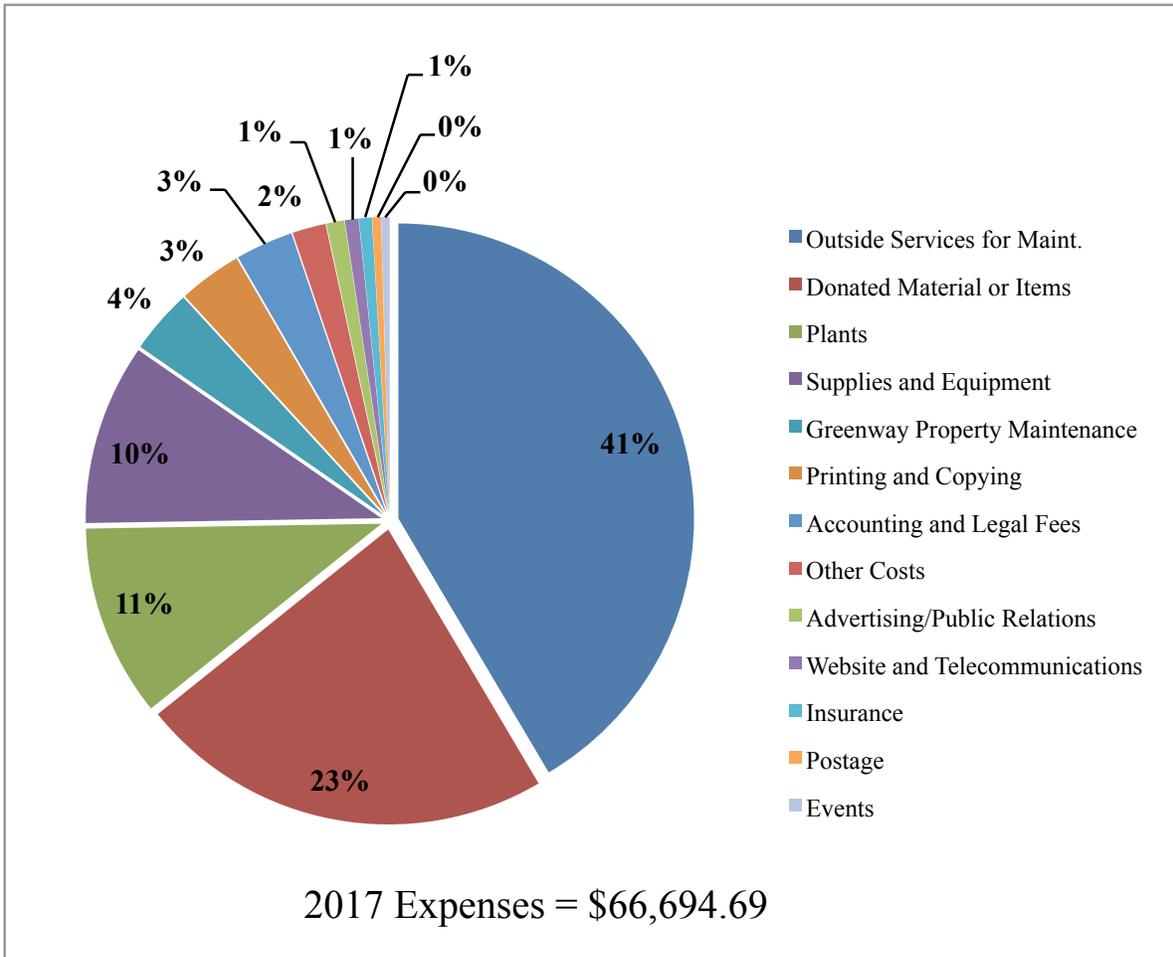


Income Summary
January through December 2017

42010 · Individual Donors	56.80%
43000 · Donations to Support Programs	22.21
42020 · Condo Associations	9.82
42029 · Area Businesses & Organizations	9.53
42000 · Donations to the General Fund	1.35
42090 · Other Contributions	0.29
Total	\$68,231.49



By Account



2018 Goals

- Install new storage unit for gardening tools and equipment
- Add color to the berms
- Increase pollinator- and hummingbird-attracting plants
- Install additional protective fencing for vulnerable gardens
- Reduce rabbit damage
- Expand the volunteer base with new residents and corporations

2017 Volunteers

220+ volunteers from the nine buildings along the Loring Greenway and from corporate volunteer groups contributed more than 4,200 hours to gardening, maintaining the Loring Greenway, administration and events. Not everyone who volunteered signed in, so only a partial list follows. The Loring Greenway Association thanks EVERYONE who helped make the Loring Greenway such a beautiful and welcoming space!

Fred Aden	Karen Lund-Brust
Richard Anderson	Peggy MacRae
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Loring Green West Association
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