



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The Loring Greenway Association (LGA) is a volunteer non-profit organization that partners with private and public entities to preserve and enhance the Loring Greenway, a premier urban garden and pedestrian connection between Loring Park and the Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

LGA was challenged by severe drought and the continuing grip of COVID-19. Yet, the Loring Greenway was kept beautiful by generous donors and dedicated volunteers performing over 2500 hours of gardening and administrative tasks.

PUBLIC PARTNERS

City of Minneapolis

The *City of Minneapolis* has licensed LGA through its Downtown Minneapolis Greening Partnership Initiative to perform three activity categories on the Loring Greenway: plants, trees and activities/programs. LGA committee reports found below describe how these activities categories were fulfilled in 2021.

The *City of Minneapolis Public Works Department (DPW)* is responsible for lawn care, snow, leaf and trash removal, light bulb replacement and similar tasks on the Loring Greenway. Most of these duties fell to DPW employees **Mark Clark** (January-March) and his successor **Tim Greene**. LGA works with DPW to resolve safety and infrastructure issues on the Loring Greenway.

Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board

The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board Forestry Department (MPRB) is responsible for tree maintenance on city property, including the Loring Greenway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gardening Committee: Fred Aden (section coordinator), Richard Anderson (assistant chair, section coordinator), Nicholas Deacon (native plants advisor), Lee Frelich (native plants and tree advisor), Rebecca Gross (professional gardener contractor), Mary Alyce Krohnke (master gardener), Peggy MacRae (master gardener, plant labels), Mary Maier (chair), Maureen Meier (assistant chair), Claire Selkurt (master gardener), Marsha Weidenhammer (section coordinator)

PLANTS AND TREES

The garden committee and 61 Adopt-a-Garden participants logged approximately 2200 hours:

- Designing, enhancing and replacing gardens
- Selecting and installing plants to attract pollinators
- Planting, watering, weeding and tidying gardens
- Identifying additions for native plant garden
- Promoting tree health and diversification
- Managing contract work with Hand and Hoe Garden Care, Rainbow Tree Care and Winick Landscape



Severe drought kept LGA volunteers busy watering thirsty plants and flowers.



Events

Events is the third activity category listed in LGA’s license with the City of Minneapolis. On May 27, LGA and Hyatt Regency Minneapolis co-sponsored a farewell party for DPW employee Mark Clark (middle in olive/tan shirt). He accepted a promotion after his 11-year assignment on the Loring Greenway. The event was reported in the [Star Tribune](#).

INFRASTRUCTURE: Richard Anderson, Mary Keefe, Mary Maier, Laura Mattson, Maureen Meier, John Van Heel (chair)

This committee advocates for infrastructure improvements on the Loring Greenway. The committee spent approximately 40 hours:

- Piloting sidewalk decals to slow down scooters and bicycles
- Installing signs to discourage skateboarding and climbing on fountains
- Applying colorful lettering on kiosks and south and west entrance posts identifying LGA and the Loring Greenway
- Prompting DPW to fill-in a semi-hidden space on playground that adults were using as restroom



NEWSLETTER

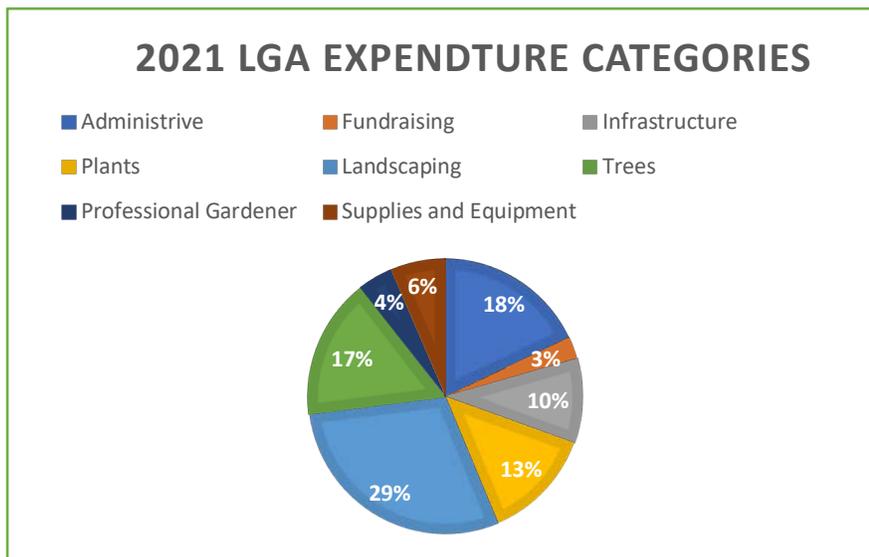


The Loring Greenway Association News was published four times during the year.

FINANCES

Expenditures

LGA’s 2021 expenditures totaled \$41,853.35 in the categories shown here.



Contributions

LGA received 2021 contributions totaling \$42,292.07 from donor types shown here.



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