



2025 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 (Greenway), a premier urban garden and pedestrian connection between Loring Park and the Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

2025 HIGHLIGHT: Playground Rebuilt!



LGA successfully advocated for a playground to replace the one demolished by the City of Minneapolis on November 12, 2024 (see Committees Reports). City contractor Albrecht Company started construction on September 30. Woodchip installation completed the project on October 24.

The demolition left a large sandpit. Councilmember Katie Cashman secured a generous donation from the Minneapolis Foundation that LGA used to buy sand toys for children to play with during the summer. Some parents said that the children enjoyed the toys as much as playground equipment!

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 Greenway: plants, trees and activities/programs. LGA committee reports found below describe how these activity categories were fulfilled in 2025.

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 employee **Tim Greene**. LGA works with DPW to resolve safety and infrastructure issues on the Greenway.

Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GARDENING COMMITTEE

The gardening committee performs the first (plants) and second (trees) activity categories listed in LGA's license agreement with the City of Minneapolis.

Members: Summer Badawi (professional gardener contractor), John Bullough (section co-coordinator), Bob Conlin (section coordinator), Lee Frelich (native plants and tree advisor), Sue Jones (garden shed supervisor), Tina Jones (section co-coordinator), Mary Alyce Krohnke (master gardener, section co-coordinator), Mary Maier (chair, section co-coordinator), Maureen Meier (assistant chair, section co-coordinator), Gay Russell-Dempsey (section co-coordinator), Claire Selkurt (master gardener), Marsha Weidenhammer (section coordinator), Joe Zachmann (section co-coordinator)

The gardening committee and 68 Adopt-a-Garden participants logged approximately 2,600 hours:



- Designing, enhancing, and replacing gardens
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- Selecting and installing plants to attract pollinators
- Planting, watering, weeding, and tidying gardens
- Identifying additions for native plant garden and drought resistant plants
- Promoting tree health and diversification
- Managing contract work with professional gardener, landscaper and tree specialists
- Providing a welcoming and beautiful space for all





Our Gardeners Keep the Greenway Beautiful







ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS COMMITTEES

Activities/programs is the third activity category listed in the license agreement.

Playground Committee

The Playground Committee distributed a community survey and held discussions to develop recommendations for playground design and features. It also worked with the Events Committee to hold three community meetings.

Members: Laura Mattson, Heidi Schallberg, Judy Tucker, John Van Heel (chair), Ryan Wade (survey designer)

Events Committee

The Events Committee planned four events: three playground community meetings and National Night Out celebration.

Member: Judy Tucker (chair)

Playground Community Meetings

The Events Committee worked with the Playground Committee to arrange three community meetings to discuss playground design and features with City officials and playground vendors. The meetings were held on January 30 (below left), March 18 and September 3 (below right).



National Night Out



The events committee also organized a National Night Out celebration on August 5. Lunds & Byerlys Downtown Minneapolis contributed water, cookies and chips and added LGA to a pool of nonprofits that would be considered for a donation later in the year. In December, LGA received a \$1,500 donation from Lund Food Holdings, Inc.

Left: Judy Tucker, LGA Events chair, accepts check from Kit Keegan, store manager, Lunds & Byerlys Downtown Minneapolis.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

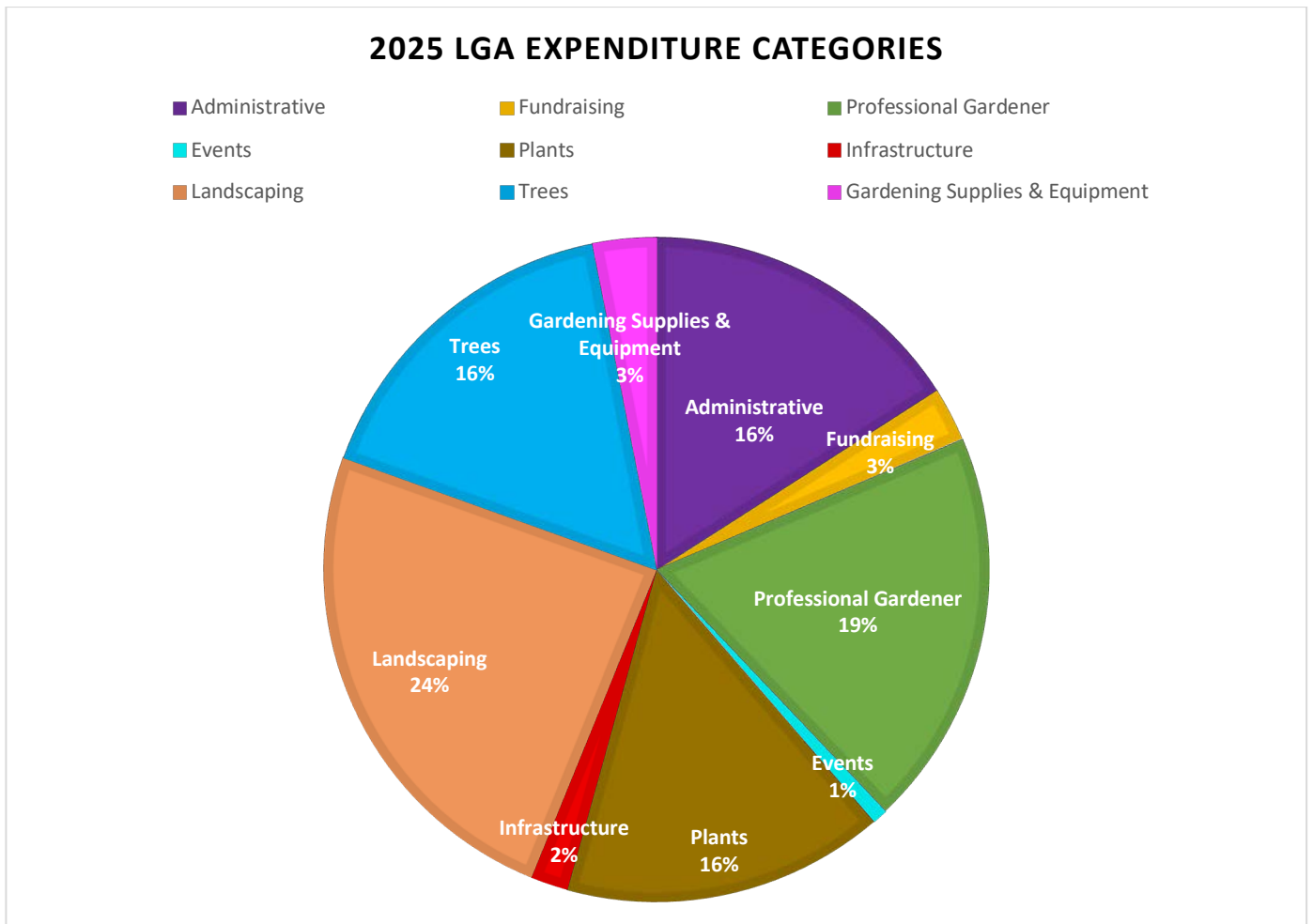
As part of the LGA's role advocating for ongoing care of the Greenway by the city, the Infrastructure Committee has regular meetings with Department of Public Works staff to identify masonry, lighting, irrigation and other Greenway repair and upkeep issues. In addition, the committee helped connect the city and the community during efforts to replace the Greenway playground that was removed at the end of 2024.

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

FINANCES

Expenditures

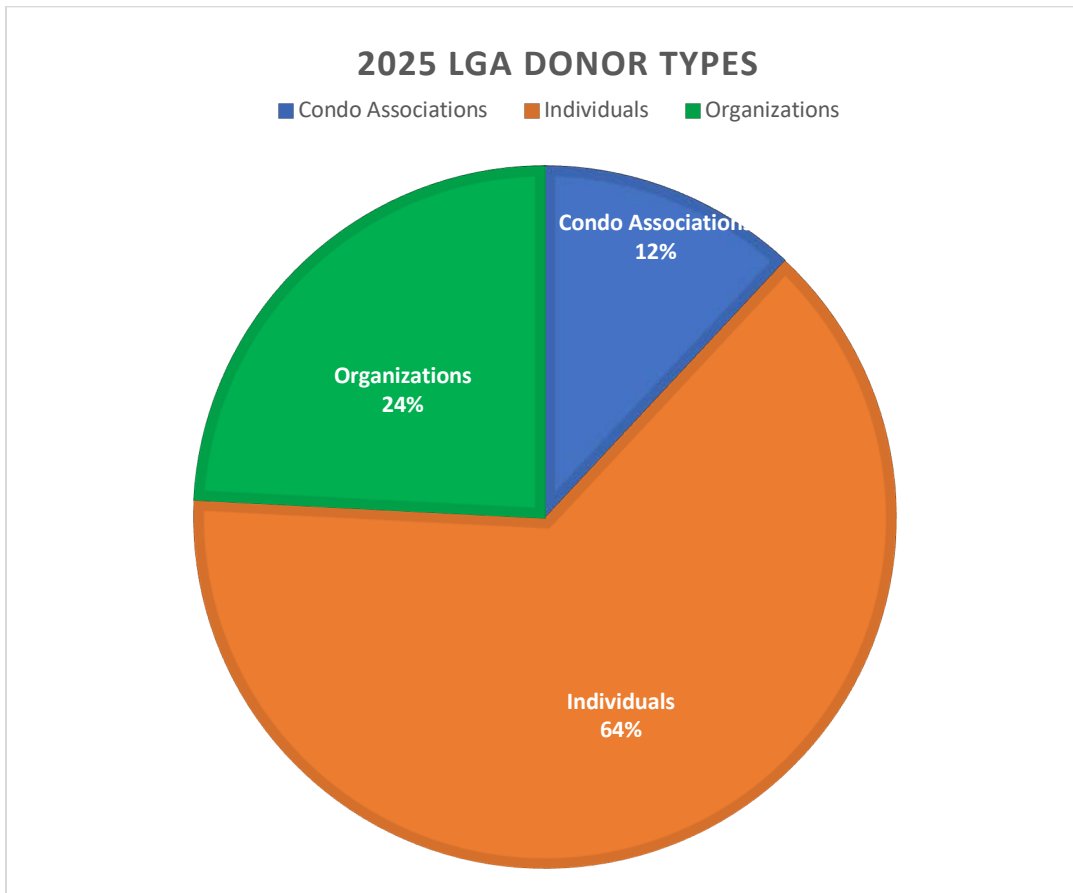
LGA's 2025 expenditures totaled \$42,859.47 in the categories shown here.



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Contributions

LGA received 2025 contributions totaling \$54,972.92 from donor types shown here.



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