



2023 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.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS



For a record 12 consecutive times, the last seven for Best Large Green Space, the Loring Greenway won a Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District Greening & Public Realm Award. This award represents approximately 3,400 hours of gardening and administrative work by LGA volunteers that keeps the Greenway beautiful.

LGA revived its events committee, hosting a concert and providing playground activities for children (see Activities/Programs Committee below).

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 activities categories were fulfilled in 2023.

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: Fred Aden (garden designer), Richard Anderson (section coordinator), Summer Badawi (professional gardener contractor), Nicholas Deacon (native plants advisor), Lee Frelich (native plants and tree advisor), Sue Jones (garden shed supervisor), Mary Alyce Krohnke (master gardener, section co-coordinator), Peggy MacRae (master gardener, plant labels), Mary Maier (chair, section co-coordinator, pictured top left, page 2), Scott Marsh (section coordinator), Maureen Meier (assistant chair, section co-coordinator), Gay Russell-Dempsey (section co-coordinator), Claire Selkurt (master gardener), Marsha Weidenhammer (section coordinator)

The garden committee and 68 Adopt-a-Garden participants logged approximately 2,983 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 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

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

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



Member: Judy Tucker (chair) who organized:

- A pop-folk concert featuring singer-songwriters Gary Rue and Leslie Ball on July 13 (left).
- Toys and activities to enhance playground experience for children (middle).
- Volunteer and Donor Reception at Hyatt Regency Minneapolis on September 13. (LGA President John Van Heel speaks at reception, right.)

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

While not a part of the licensing agreement, LGA formed this committee to recommend and implement infrastructure improvements on the Greenway.

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

This committee recommended and implemented infrastructure improvements by:



- Working with DPW to identify masonry repair and other Greenway issues to address
- Monitoring 2029 city capital renewal project for Greenway improvements
- Installing welcoming sign (left) at Nicollet Mall entrance
- Refurbishing tables and chairs
- Installing seasonal lighting on trees

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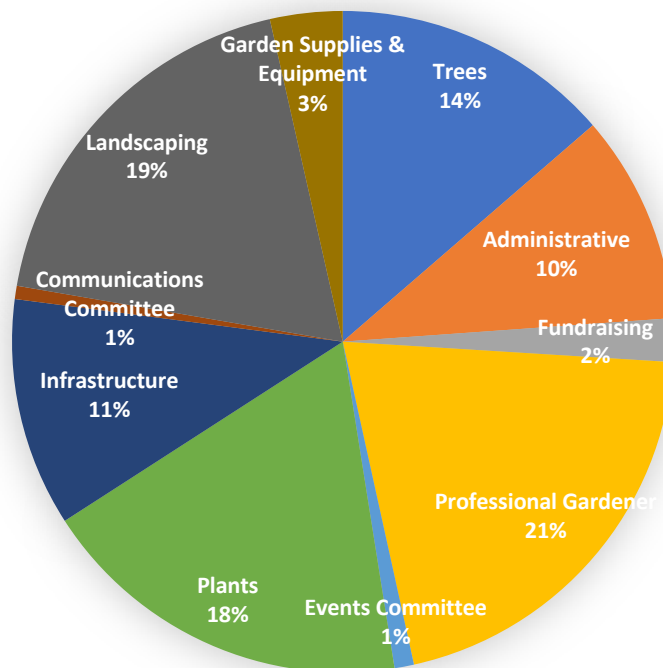
The Loring Greenway Association News was published one time in 2023.

FINANCES

Expenditures

LGA's 2023 expenditures totaled \$51,762.44 in the categories shown here.

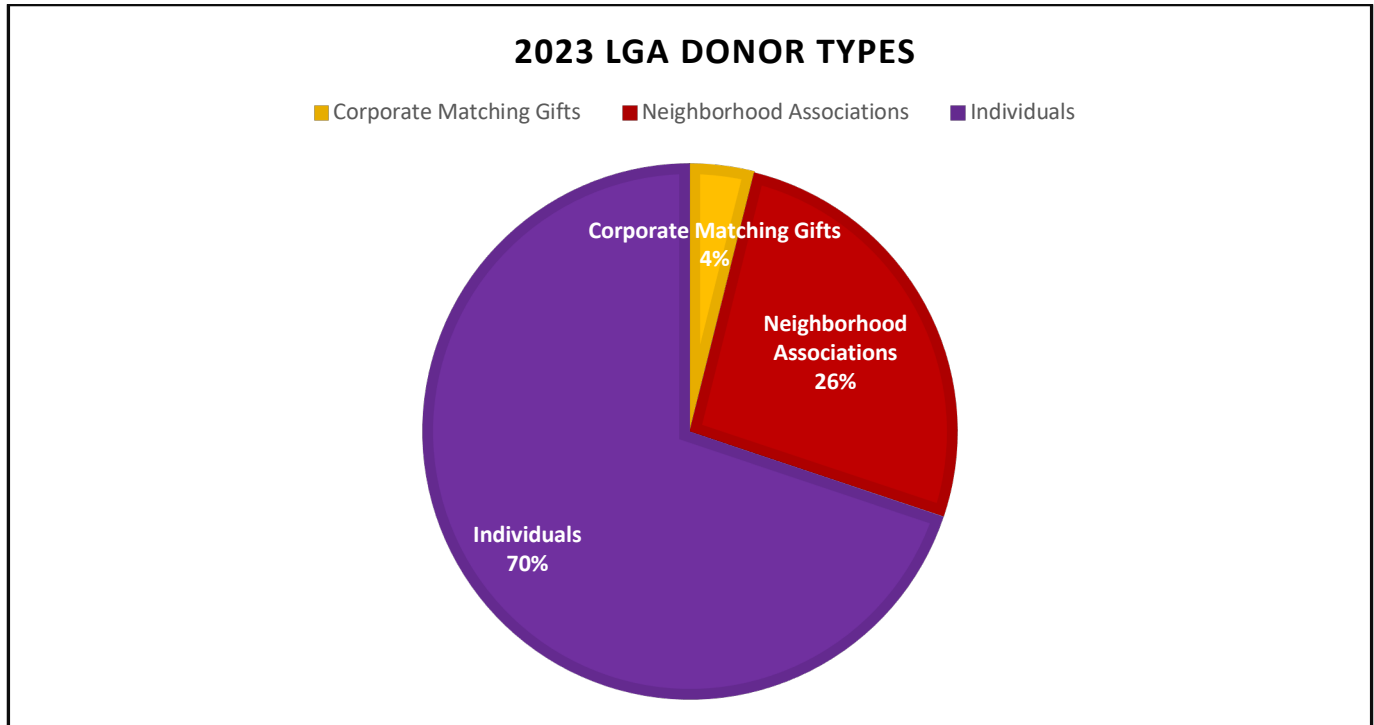
2023 LGA EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES



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