



## 2020 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.

From gardening to fundraising, COVID-19 dramatically changed how LGA operated in 2020. Socially distanced, masked gardeners worked in small groups. Fundraising efforts were simplified and muted. Corporate sponsors faded. Yet, the Loring Greenway was kept beautiful by generous donors and dedicated LGA volunteers performing 2,114 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 the first two activity categories were addressed. COVID-19 precluded events in 2020.

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 fall to **Mark Clark**, DPW maintenance crew leader. 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

The gardening committee performs the first activity category listed in LGA's license with the City of Minneapolis.

#### PLANTS

Supported by volunteers logging 1,662 hours, the gardening committee:

- Organized gardening committee volunteers to work in small, masked groups
- Increased Adopt-a-Garden participants
- Purchased plants to attract pollinators
- Enhanced and replaced existing gardens
- Made native plants recommendations

## Trees Committee

The trees committee performs the second activity category listed in LGA's license with the City of Minneapolis. It reports that:

- MPRB replaced a large linden tree between Loring Way and Greenway Gables with a hawthorn tree in July.
- MPRB replaced Kentucky coffee tree planted five years ago near the playground with the same species in July.
- A hemlock tree planted in spring 2020 by MPRB forestry on the pathway to Grant Street died and was not replaced.
- MPRB cut down a large river birch tree near Grant Street in December.
- Rainbow Tree Care treated ash trees for emerald ash borer in July.
- Trees were not fertilized as a cost-saving measure.



## NEWSLETTER

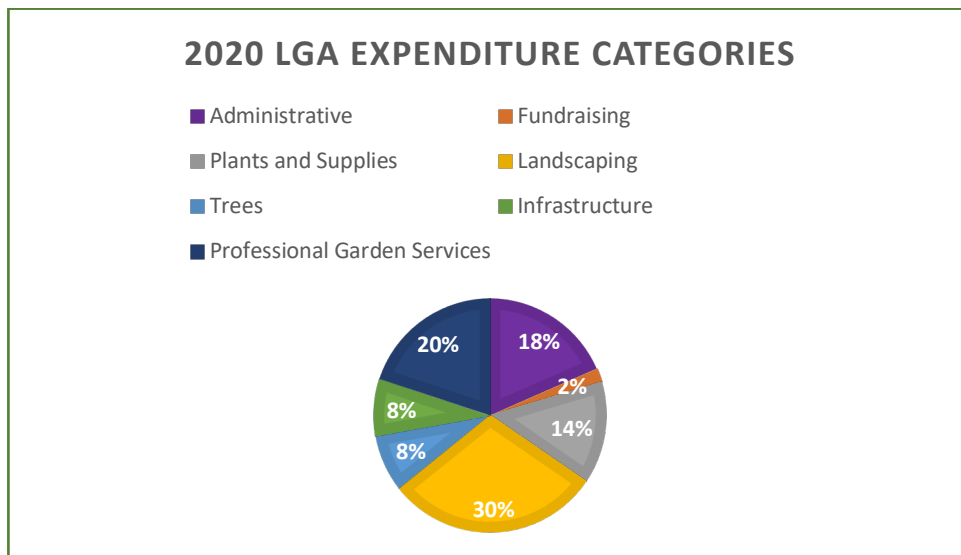


The Loring Greenway Association News was published four times during the summer.

## FINANCES

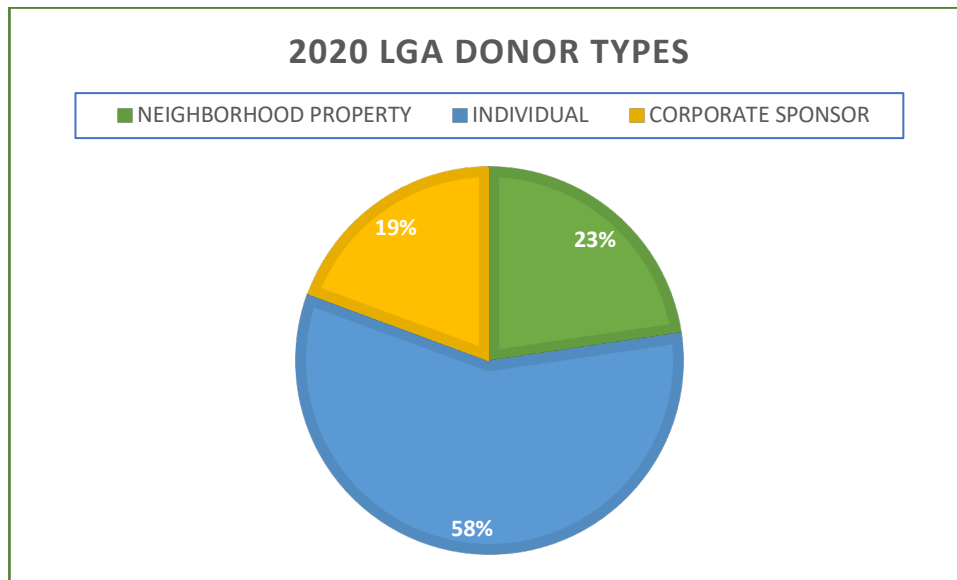
### Expenditures

LGA's 2020 expenditures totaled \$34,702.82 in the categories shown here.



## Contributions

LGA received 2020 contributions totaling \$ 51,584.26 from donor types shown here.



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