

Join the LGA Board

Do you want to get to know your neighbors, become more involved in your neighborhood, and help keep the Loring Greenway beautiful? Can you help garden, promote, or fundraise for the Loring Greenway? Then you might be a great fit for the Loring Greenway Association's Board of Directors. We are a volunteer organization composed primarily of residents of the seven residential buildings that line the greenway, and each building has at least one representative on the board to support our mission. Learn more about becoming a LGA board member at info@loringgreenway.org.

Waste Cans Get Fresh Paint



Waste receptacles were painted this summer to match Loring Greenway light poles and fences. This work was completed by the Department of Public Works at LGA's request.

LGA Eyes Multiple Infrastructure Improvements



LGA is planning to pilot signage on this section of the Loring Greenway to slow scooter and bike traffic.

LGA is pursuing many options to enhance the beauty and safety of the Loring Greenway.

Banners

In 2019, former LGA board member **Claire Selkurt** spearheaded efforts to install banners on the Loring Greenway. Selkurt researched city banner requirements and planned a spring 2020 banner design contest for Minneapolis Community and Technical College students. The contest was postponed when the campus was closed due to COVID-19 and will be scheduled when in-person classes resume.

Wayfinding and Safety Signage

To promote wayfinding and safety on the Loring Greenway, LGA has:

- installed accessible path signs on the upper Loring Greenway walkway.
- discussed with the Downtown Council and Green Minneapolis wayfinding signage that seamlessly ties the Loring Greenway to downtown.
- late summer plans to pilot signage on down-sloping sidewalk to slow bicycle and scooter traffic that has become increasingly dangerous for pedestrians.

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Torenia Summer Wave joins summer favorites daylilies and hydrangea on the Loring Greenway this year. Look for this colorful pollinator in the berms across from the middle fountain and watch the bees dive for its nectar.

The **Loring Greenway Association** 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. Contact us at P.O. Box 582031, Minneapolis, MN 55458-2031 or www.loringgreenway.org.



Wood chip patches behind One Ten Grant and Loring Way back entrances provide the perfect relief area for your pup and thus reduce stress on plants. The dog waste bags are provided by LGA and One Ten Grant.



Gordy and Faythe Thureen transported this rock from their farm in East Grand Forks, MN to the Loring Greenway at the northwest corner of their current residence, Loring Way. The rock was placed on the couple's rural property in 1995 to mark their 20th wedding anniversary.

Summer Gardening Chores: Weed . . . Water . . . Repeat



LGA Adopt-A-Garden volunteers **Mary Alyce Krohnke** and **Bethany Sommerfeldt** weed the Grant entrance gardens.



While on a bike ride in 2000, LGA board member **Richard Anderson** noticed saucers stored behind the Dunwoody College of Technology that had lined the Nicollet Mall prior to its 1990 renovation. At Anderson's request, the Department of Public Works moved seven saucers to their current home on the Loring Greenway.

The saucer flower arrangements are currently designed by LGA gardening consultant Rebecca Gross. Volunteers execute and maintain Gross's designs. Depending on the weather, the arrangements may require daily hand watering by dedicated LGA volunteers like Anderson.

Adopt-A-Garden volunteers **Marsha Neff** and **Greg Gaut** water and weed the gardens across from the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. They moved to the Loring Greenway neighborhood from Winona, where Neff, a third-generation gardener, tended a large garden. Neff is teaching her skills to her novice gardener husband.



Your neighbors are LGA volunteers because they want to:

Continue gardening after downsizing from a house. They say:

“I used to have a really big garden. On the Greenway I can get my gardening rewards for much less work and expense.”

Meet Loring Greenway neighbors and make new friends. They say:

“I already know people in my building, but volunteering on the Greenway helps me meet people in other buildings.”

Contribute to the community. They say:

“I love the Greenway - just tell me what to do. I can take care of one small section or plant, weed, prune, pick up branches - whatever you need.”

“I can’t bend over. What do you want me to help with? I can sweep, clean tables, water, manage supplies, work on communications or fundraising.”



Tom and Diana Ursin

Participate in the Adopt-a-Garden program and take responsibility for a small section of the Greenway. They say:

“I like having a specific area that’s my responsibility and I can help there on my own schedule.”

“This is the perfect strategy for healthy gardening during the pandemic - social distancing and outside.”

Join them! Go to loringgreenway.org for more information.

Keep the Loring Greenway Beautiful

Mail your check to:

**Loring Greenway Association
P.O. Box 582031
Minneapolis, MN 55458-2031
or donate online at
www.loringgreenway.org**

THANK YOU!

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Lighting

LGA has sponsored twinkle lights on the trees adjacent to the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis during winter months since 2015. The lack of electrical power currently prevents similar lightening on other parts of the Loring Greenway. We are pursuing long-term capital improvement funds for the City of Minneapolis to add electrical infrastructure, but this will likely take several years before they are available.

If you have further thoughts on wayfinding signage or safety issues on the Loring Greenway, please contact us at loringgreenway.org/contact-us. We welcome your involvement.