



Legislation Text

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Honoring the recipients of the 2012 Sustainable Saint Paul Awards.

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul has a long history of proactively protecting our air, water and urban landscape; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Coleman and the City Council are committed to making Saint Paul "The Most Livable City in America" and a leader in sustainable urban living; and

WHEREAS, the City has already taken many steps toward making Saint Paul one of the greenest cities in the country, including

- hiring the City's first sustainability coordinator, water resources coordinator and energy coordinator;
- formally endorsing the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement;
- increasing recycling 13.5% over the past five years while reducing CO2 emissions 45,044 tons per year;
- investing more than \$1 million to further retrofit city buildings for energy conservation; adopting a Sustainable Development Policy for New and Renovated Municipal Buildings;
- directing City fleets to use E85 and 5-10% biodiesel, and adding hybrid vehicles to the city fleet;
- making development of the National Great River Park and Central Corridor Light Rail Transit top City priorities; and
- launching the 2008 Republican National Convention *GreenGatherings* initiative; and

WHEREAS, the City initiated the Sustainable Saint Paul Awards to honor outstanding achievements of individuals, businesses and organizations that are demonstrating a commitment to environmental stewardship throughout Saint Paul and beyond; and

WHEREAS, by sponsoring these awards, the City hopes to encourage all residents, businesses, community groups and nonprofits in Saint Paul to implement similar projects, such that replication of these efforts will further enhance the City's quality of life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Saint Paul do hereby make the following Sustainable Saint Paul Awards:

- Bob Piram for Exceptional Environmental Stewardship
- Neighborhood Energy Connection's Home Energy Squad Program for Energy Efficiency or Conservation
- Baldinger Bakery for Commercial Green Building Design
- East Side Neighborhood Development Company for Environmental Education & Awareness
- Roger Svendsen for Clean Up & Beautification
- Youth Outdoors/Conservation Corps MN/IA for Youth Leadership
- Jim Giebel for Sustainable City Staff
- District Energy Saint Paul for Renewable Energy
- Val Cunningham for Natural Resources Conservation
- Patricia James for Water Quality or Conservation

