

LOOKING TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE

Great Rivers Greenway 2010 Annual Report



METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

DBA GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY

Great Rivers Greenway*

2010 Annual Report

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The County Executives

The Honorable Charlie Dooley,
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The Honorable Francis Slay,
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The Honorable Steve Ehlmann,
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The Process

Great Rivers Greenway's board has 10 members – three from St. Louis City; five from St. Louis County; and two from St. Charles County.

All board members are appointed by the executive of the city or county they represent.

The board meets monthly at the District's offices. Visit the website at www.grgstl.org to see the schedule of upcoming meetings and to learn about the current greenway projects.

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A Message from the Executive Director and Board President

2010 was a transformative year for Great Rivers Greenway. Together with our partners we celebrated the tenth anniversary of the passage of Proposition C the Clean Water, Safe Parks and Community Trails Initiative. This celebration recognized the many accomplishments of our first ten years, and heralded the future for our region.

Great Rivers Greenway's success has been guided by its original plan, Building the River Ring, A Citizen-Driven Regional Plan. This plan emphasized high-impact investments in land acquisition and greenway construction. This year's update to the Regional Plan expands upon the original framework, with a call to action to build, promote and sustain the investment in greenway development. Once again, there was significant input from citizens, professionals, regional leaders, and even non-users.

The message was clear. We cannot just build a system of trails and greenways without a plan to promote active use and awareness of the greenways and address the long term sustainability of the River Ring. We know that we cannot do any of this without the collaboration of hundreds of partners and volunteers. As the Regional Plan developed, numerous strategies were synthesized into a stronger purpose for the River Ring, "Making St. Louis a Better Place to Live" and five main goals will shape our work over the next five to ten years: Connecting Communities and Neighborhoods; Preserving and Connecting People to Nature; Improving Economic Vitality; Providing Transportation Choices and Promoting Good Health.

Along with our tenth anniversary the District said farewell to its first Executive Director David Fisher and welcomed a new leader, Susan Trautman. Our office was relocated to The Loop within walking distance to two MetroLink stops and Forest Park.

Situated between the St. Vincent and Centennial Greenways our location demonstrates our commitment to economic vitality and an improved quality of life through greenway development.

The Regional Bicycle Plan was launched in 2010 engaging citizens and professionals throughout St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County. This will be an implementable plan for on-road bicycle facilities as well as connections to River Ring trails. The goal of the plan is a more connected region where citizens are riding their bikes safely. The Regional Bicycle Plan will be coordinated with various public agencies that manage the region's roadways as well as numerous municipalities and will be completed in 2011.

New trail and greenway connections were made in 2010 including Rock Hollow Trail in Wildwood; Sunset Greenway in Florissant; KATY to Heritage Trail in St. Charles County and Rabbit Run in St. Peters. The Mullanphy Pump House was rehabilitated on the North Riverfront Trail in the City of St. Louis. At the end of this dynamic year, we were proud to come in under budget with a commitment to more than \$14 million in capital projects initiated for 2011.

If ever there was a time to understand the importance of greenways in our lives it is now. While the trends are all going "green", the very concept of a greenway is a deeper appreciation and attentiveness to each other, to our diverse neighborhoods and to our environment. Great Rivers Greenway is committed to improving the quality of life in our region. We encourage you to find a greenway, and explore it your way.

Susan Trautman
Executive Director

Neal Perryman
President

Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 2010

Assets

Cash and investments	\$23,358,995
Sales taxes receivable	1,457,835
Interest receivable	53,445
Other receivables; Federal, State Grants, etc.	296,029
Prepaid expenses	26,870
Intangible assets; Bond Issuance Cost, net	329,684
	25,522,858
Land and land improvements	64,743,149
Construction in process	9,827,022
Furniture and fixtures	266,989
Accumulated depreciation	(7,625,128)
Total property and equipment, net	67,212,031
Total assets	\$92,734,889

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$223,850
Accrued wages and payroll taxes	61,263
Accrued interest	96,843
Unearned revenue	183,015
Bonds payable	26,910,000
Total liabilities	27,474,971

Net Assets

Unrestricted net assets	(1,952,113)
Investment in capital assets	67,212,031
Total net assets	65,259,918
Total liabilities and net assets	\$92,734,889

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

Category Description

Sales tax revenues	\$9,566,052
Grants	512,801
Investment income	252,451
Gain on sale of land	-
Rental income	460,376
Miscellaneous income	8,135
Total Revenues	\$10,799,815
Salary and fringe benefits	\$389,640
Contractual and professional services	371,295
Office and support	185,575
Space and occupancy	90,774
Depreciation expense	148,338
Total Operating Expenditures	\$1,185,622

Schedule of Project Expenses

For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

River Ring

Greenway Description

Project Description

Confluence Greenway

McKinley Bridge Bikeway	\$217
Branch Street Trestle	156,139
Riverfront Trail	333,735
Iron Horse Trestle	87,451
Americorp Trail Ranger Program	73,665
Trestle to Downtown	15,101
Trestle Connections	8,502
Trail & Trailhead Amenities	20,863
Ecosystem Study	1,725
	697,398

Missouri River Greenway

Chesterfield Levee Trail SEED Project	491,045
Riverwoods Park Trails Signage	73,274
Ameren UE Railroad Trail	4,008
Earth City Levee Trail	113,275
Aquaport to Creve Coeur	113,424
Creve Coeur Park Connector Trail	16
	795,042

Meramec Greenway

12 Mile Initiative	79,747
Trailhead Development	69,831
River Mile 6 to 9 St. Louis County	1,012
Packwood Park - Rock Hollow Trail	600,897
Al Foster Trail Phase III	138,882
River Mile 30 to Rock Hollow Trail	21
12 Mile Initiative - Castlewood	3,996
River Mile 17	30,000
Susan Park to Meramec Connector	915
Tyson Park to Meramec Connector	864
Project Management	2,893
	929,058

Mississippi River Greenway

MSD Lagoons to JB Co. Park	490,552
Canary Island Riverside	2,500
Downtown to River Des Peres	6,454
Trail & Trailhead Amenities	3,435
	502,941

**Schedule of
Project Expenses
(continued)**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

Regional Greenways

Greenway Description	Project Description	
Dardenne Greenway	Rabbit Run Park Extension	295,846
	Rabbit Run to Old Town St. Peters	596
	Rabbit Run to Cottleville	3,281
	Barathaven	312
	Faron	10,768
	SEED Projects	57,631
	Cottleville Trails to Faron	16,084
	Lakeside 370 to Old Town St. Peters	672
	Trail Amenities	28,686
		413,876
	Centennial Greenway	I-270 to Creve Coeur Park
Shaw Park to Greensfelder Park		83,528
St. Charles-Katy to Heritage Crossing		850,970
Washington University to Delmar Trail		879,616
I-170 to Olive Interchange		36,568
Olive to I-170		13,150
Ruth Park Trail		1,451
Planning Study and SEED Projects		513
		1,881,555
River Des Peres Greenway	River Des Peres Extension	11,287
	I-55 to Jefferson Barracks Park	136,988
	Carondelet Connector	4,894
	Alabama Bridge to Pinnacle	20,281
	Lansdowne to Gravois	26,311
	Wabash Ave to Willmore Park	30,394
	Trail & Trailhead Amenities	1,082
		231,237

Regional Greenways (continued)

Greenway Description	Project Description	
St. Vincent Greenway	UMSL Trail	3,955
	Hanley - UMSL Trail	596,777
	Rock Road Park, Riparian	11,555
	Plymouth-Etzel Trail	29,636
	Plymouth-Rock Road Trail	13,607
	DaBaliviere Project	323,446
	Hanley Metrolink to Northpark Trail	1,845
	Delmar Promenade & Lucier Park Trailhead	135
	UMSL Trail to Jones Trail	51,387
		1,032,343
Western Greenway	Trail and Trailhead Amenities	17,273
	Rockwoods to Babler	10,194
	Hamilton Carr Trail, Phase III	202,753
		230,220
Maline Creek Greenway	Planning	112,836
	City of Ferguson Trailhead	40,000
		152,836
Local Greenways		
Gravois Creek Greenway	Grant's Trail - Phase III	1,538
	Grant's Trail - Phase IV	2,054
	Grant's Trail - Phase V	107,491
	I-44 Overpass Branding	50,557
		161,640
Sunset Greenway	Sunset Greenway/Sunset Park Trail Exten.	108
	Sunset Riverfront Trail	518,025
		518,133
Chouteau Greenway	Marketing Study	2,853
	Planning and Design	620
		3,473

Schedule of Project Expenses (continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

Local Greenways (continued)

Greenway Description	Project Description	
Shady Creek Greenway	Deer Creek Park & Center Trail	4,719
	Deer Creek Center to RDP Confluence Trail	19,884
	Lorraine Davis Park to Deer Creek Park	65,411
		90,014
Busch Greenway	Barathaven to Missouri Research Park	66,406
	Busch to Barathaven	2,126
		68,532
Boschert Greenway	Boschertown Road to New Town	
	Boulevard Trail	22,041
	Fox Hill Park to Katy Trail	77,162
		99,203

Collaboratives, Initiatives and Other

Collaborative Planning	Bike St. Louis - Phase II	397
	Bike St. Louis - Phase III	322,107
	Bicycle Programming	90,796
	Programming and Events	28,316
	Regional Plan Update	332,658
	Bicycle & Pedestrian Banners	2,488
	Bicycle Master Plan	151,985
	Marketing - Strategy	588
		929,335
Other	Depreciation and Amortization	
	Expense Related to Projects	2,573,965
	Bond Interest Expense	1,162,113
	Land Acquisitions	1,770,863
		5,506,941
	Total Project Expenditures	\$14,243,777

Note: Above amounts include capitalized expenses