
VISION: vibrant, biodiverse and resilient St. Louis neighborhoods



MISSION: to co-create and conserve ecologically rich urban green spaces that promote healthy, vibrant and engaged communities

Green City Coalition (GCC) connects neighborhood residents with partner services and coalition member programs, and seeks funding to design, install and maintain public green spaces that align with local priorities and interests. We achieve this by:

- identifying vacant lands for potential conversion to green space amenities;
- coordinating Coalition partner and member efforts for maximum impact;
- establishing a system for land acquisition, preservation and management;
- engaging communities throughout all aspects of project development and implementation.

FOCUS

GCC focuses on neighborhoods where there are high concentrations of vacant properties. GCC works with residents to increase community cohesiveness, vitality, and prosperity, enhance neighborhood safety and aesthetics, and improve personal and environmental health, well-being and resilience. Transparency, collaboration, and community engagement are vital to the program success, which is grounded in a *with-not-for* approach to community-based conservation and development.

STRUCTURE

GCC is a partnership between the City of St. Louis, the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District and the St. Louis Development Corporation working collaboratively with a growing network of member organizations and residents to convert vacancy to vibrancy.

Network Members

Alderman Jeffrey Boyd + Alderwoman Pam Boyd + Artist Cbabi Bayoc + Community Builders Network + Daugherty Business Solutions + Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority + Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 + Gateway Greening + Good Life Growing + Grace Hill Settlement House + Hamilton Heights Neighborhood Association + Hosco Foods + Missouri Botanical Garden + Missouri Coalition for the Environment + Missouri Department of Natural Resources + National Fish and Wildlife Foundation + Northwest Academy of Law and Social Justice + Outdoor Afro + Robert J. Trulaske Family Foundation + St. Louis Community College + St. Louis Food Policy Coalition+ St. Louis University + The Open Space Council + Throwing and Growing LLC + University of Missouri – St. Louis + Washington University in St. Louis + Walnut Park East Neighborhood Association + Wells Goodfellow Community Advisory Council + Wellston Loop CDC

Network Members are individuals and organizations who have contributed their time and/or materials on projects from one-time events to on-going engagement to achieve Coalition goals.

FRAMEWORK

Green Spaces

Transform vacant lots into neighborhood green spaces that...

encourage local reinvestment to improve neighborhood vitality & sustainability;
enhance neighborhood aesthetics & appeal;
increase health and well-being through equitable access to nature;
absorb stormwater and provide ecologically significant habitat;
contribute to community-driven gathering places;
promote urban food production.

Green Stewards

Co-create opportunities for residents to...

engage with and learn about nature;
learn about green infrastructure, climate change & sustainability;
promote community vitality through an increased connection with nature and neighbors.

Green Jobs

Promote the creation of jobs for...

installation and maintenance of co-created green spaces;
enhanced demolition practices
new deconstruction opportunities;
stormwater management;
resiliency and vitality of neighborhoods;
sustainability of the St. Louis region.

Green Policies

Develop and implement policies and programs to...

protect new community open spaces;
encourage renovation of vacant structures and infill development on adjacent blocks;
encourage local reinvestment to improve neighborhood vitality & sustainability;
help low-income families obtain mortgages and reverse the legacy of redlining;
ensure residents are not displaced due to higher rents, higher taxes, and an increased demand for property;
reform the tax foreclosure process.

Green Partners

Coordinate Coalition partner and member efforts for maximum impact...

re-imagine vacancy potential through community engagement and ownership;
plan and assemble large-scale connected open spaces;
provide publicly accessible data on the conversion of vacancy;
strategically monitor and evaluate program impacts.

GOALS

increase sense of community & vitality
enhance neighborhood safety & aesthetics
increase prosperity & equitable reinvestment
improve health and well-being
improve environmental health & resilience

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