

# Saint Paul Environmental Roundtable

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### **Environmental Roundtable announces remaining community meetings. Roundtable will tackle clean energy, green buildings, green space, and clean water in 2006.**

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Saint Paul, December 19, 2005—Meeting dates and locations for the remaining Saint Paul Environmental Roundtable meetings have been set! Everyone is encouraged to attend the open meetings where Saint Paul residents who are volunteers on the Roundtable present relevant information about a local environmental topic. Those who attend can ask questions, give feedback, learn about the current environmental conditions and find opportunities to take action. City leaders have already made a commitment to act on the recommendations that are developed through the Roundtable process.

The city of Saint Paul has an excellent foundation of past achievements in environmental work and is ready to make great changes to improve the environment. The city passed a 2005 resolution that created a working group of representative from each department within the city to address environmental sustainability. Incoming Mayor Chris Coleman has named Anne Hunt as a cabinet member with the sole focus of shepherding environmental initiatives. The *Saint Paul Environmental Roundtable* is the next step being pursued to make the city a greener, healthier and more enjoyable place in which to live, work and play.

Since the Roundtable process kicked off in October 2005, hundreds of Saint Paul residents have come to meetings to learn more and are still sharing their ideas. The series of community meetings began with *Creating a Waste-Free Saint Paul*, which includes waste reduction topics such as public space recycling, residential organics collection and



environmental buying standards for the city. For topic two, *Healthy, Local Food Systems*, volunteer Roundtable members hosted community meetings that focused on reviving Saint Paul's food policy. The *Cleaner, Smarter Energy* team held their first community meeting in November, and will present the resulting draft recommendations at the next meeting on January 17, from 7–9 p.m. at the Westside Riverview Library. The volunteer teams for the remaining three topics (*Greening the Built Environment, Improving the Quality and Quantity of Green Space, Clean Water Stewardship*) will host community meetings January through March, and final Roundtable recommendations are slated to be delivered to the City Council in April. Community input is not just part of this process; it is the reason for this process, so feedback on all current and past topics is welcome and encouraged. Draft recommendations are available on the website: [www.eurekarecycling.org/environmentalroundtable](http://www.eurekarecycling.org/environmentalroundtable) or by calling (651) 222-7678.

Eureka Recycling, a nonprofit that has worked with the city of Saint Paul on recycling and resource conservation issues for over two decades, convened the Roundtable to focus citizen and political attention on a variety of citywide environmental issues. The *Saint Paul Environmental Roundtable* is sponsored in part by: Abitibi Consolidated, Aveda, City Council Member Lee Helgen, The City of Saint Paul Public Works Department, DeRuyter Associates, Impressive Print, Industrial Electric Company, IPS Incorporated, Peace Coffee, Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation, Western Bank, and numerous other community sponsors.

For more information about the Roundtable, call (651) 222-7678 or visit [www.eurekarecycling.org/environmentalroundtable](http://www.eurekarecycling.org/environmentalroundtable).

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Please include Environmental Roundtable meetings in your calendar section each month.

**2006 Meeting Schedule:  
Saint Paul Environmental Roundtable**

**Smarter, Cleaner Energy**

Tuesday, January 17, 7-9 p.m.  
Riverview Library, 1 George Street E

**Greening the Built Environment**

Thursday January 19, 7-9 p.m.  
Selby Community Room (above Mississippi Market), 622 Selby Ave

Thursday Feb 16, 7-9 p.m.  
Saint Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Avenue

**Improving the Quality and Quantity of Green Space**

Wednesday, February 22, 7-9 p.m.  
Battle Creek Rec Center, 75 S. Winthrop Street

Wednesday, March 15, 7-9 p.m.  
Hamline Law Grad Room 106, 1492 Hewitt Avenue

**Clean Water Stewardship**

Tuesday, March 14, 7-9 p.m.  
South Saint Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Avenue

Tuesday, April 4, 7-9 p.m.  
MN Humanities Commission, 987 East Ivy Avenue

