



Great Rivers Greenway

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Great Rivers Greenway connects the St. Louis region with greenways so people can explore their rivers, parks and communities, making it a vibrant place to live, work and play.



The residents of the St. Louis region voted for and invested in a clear, bold vision —

a dynamic network of parks and open spaces linked together by greenways, connecting our communities so people can live life outside.

Since our inception in 2000, we've worked with partners and the community to build, promote and sustain our region's network of greenways, a legacy for future generations.

2015—our 15th anniversary—was no different. Working in partnership with non-profit organizations, municipalities, state, and federal agencies and businesses, we made exciting progress.

With the City of St. Louis and others, we finished the **North Riverfront Open Space and Redevelopment Plan**, an effort to enhance the area by transforming vacant land along the Mississippi River into parks and public spaces, and encouraging private enterprise.

Engineering work continued for three key connections:

The extension of the River des Peres Greenway to the Mississippi Greenway leading to Jefferson Barracks Park; the 2-mile extension of Gravois Greenway (Grant's Trail); and the bridges over highways 364 and 94 in St. Charles County. All three are much-anticipated connections that people will use and enjoy when they are finished!

We had a successful first season of a **Greenway Guide program**, a partnership with the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis' Save Our Sons Program. This job development program employs participants as ambassadors on the Mississippi Greenway (Riverfront Trail). These guides operate the Visitor's Center, offering snacks, restrooms, directions and bike maintenance to people walking, running or riding a bike along the greenway. They also help our team with projects to maintain the greenway and enhance habitat along the way.

Susan Trautman
Executive Director

Keep unfolding this report for statistics, our operating budget, our stewardship of Proposition P funds in the CityArchRiver project and our capital expenses displayed in a map of our district, serving St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County.

Thank you to all of our partners and supporters for bringing this vision for our region to life!

Dr. Bernard DuBray
2015 Board President



**1 of the
2 million**
users of our
greenways in 2015



2015 by the Numbers



113
miles of
greenways

and counting are open 365 days
a year for you to explore & enjoy



12,533 people

enjoyed 66 programs, gaining a stronger connection to greenways

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**new greenways opened,
7.15 miles added**

Busch Greenway: 4 miles connecting the KATY Trail, Missouri Research Park, Weldon Spring Conservation Area, August A. Busch Conservation Area

Missouri Greenway: 3.15 mile greenway loop through Bridgeton's Riverwoods Park, extending another 1.65 miles along the Earth City Levee to Highway 370, creating almost 5 miles of greenway to explore and enjoy

Bike St. Louis Street Routes: 40 miles of new routes and 60 miles of upgraded routes of the Bike St. Louis network, bringing the total to 150 miles that connect neighborhoods, businesses, parks, schools and attractions across St. Louis



3,601
volunteers gave
11,000 hours

to benefit the greenways in 2015 This is the
equivalent of 5 full time employees



Over 7 miles

of new pathways underway to make it easy for people to
walk, run or ride a bicycle in the CityArchRiver project site



15,721
acres of
green space

linked together for you to explore
and enjoy via new greenways
completed in 2015 alone



\$7.4
million

in federal, state, and local grants to
leverage the taxpayer's investment in
the region

5,300

honeysuckle plants and other invasive species removed from
parks and greenways with help from partners and volunteers



120
Wellston
Ambassadors

helped plan Trojan Park along the
St. Vincent Greenway. The vacant
lot at the corner of Skinker and
Etzel will be transformed into a
vibrant community park in October
2016 as part of National Recreation
and Parks Association's Parks Build
Community initiative



8 tons
of scrap metal,
1,435 tires,
¼ ton of plastic
and aluminum

removed from rivers and creeks
across the region in 2015

93¢ of every dollar

went back to the community to build, promote and sustain your network of greenways.

2015 Great Rivers Greenway Staff

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Statement of Net Assets

Assets	
Cash & Investments (Prop C)	8,943,959
Cash & Investments (Prop P)	1,429,855
Cash & Investments (CityArchRiver)	5,105,248
Restricted Cash (Prop C)	3,120,975
Restricted Cash (CityArchRiver)	26,587,598
Sales Tax Receivable (Prop C)	1,810,225
Sales Tax Receivable (Prop P)	1,637,697
Sales Tax Receivable (CityArchRiver)	1,637,697
Grants Receivable	4,711,082
Other Receivables	188,337
Prepaid Expenses	177,485
Land	25,996,055
Buildings	260,118
Land Improvements	84,718,630
Leasehold Improvements	184,200
Construction In Progress	46,398,754
Office Furniture & Equipment	448,166
Accumulated Depreciation	(28,911,288)
Total Assets	\$184,444,793
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	5,029,728
Accrued Liabilities	106,548
Accrued Interest (Prop C)	77,516
Accrued Interest (CityArchRiver)	7,452
Bonds Payable (Prop C)	20,890,000
Bonds Payable (CityArchRiver)	77,175,000
Unearned Revenue -	
Bond OIP, Net (Prop C)	127,555
Unearned Revenue -	
Bond OIP, Net (CityArchRiver)	1,715,136
Total Liabilities	\$105,128,935
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	20,498,052
Restricted	29,630,862
Investment in Property & Equipment,	
Net of Related Debt	29,186,944
Total Net Assets	\$184,444,793

Statement of Revenues & Administrative Expenses

Revenues	
Sales Tax Revenue (Prop C)	11,310,170
Sales Tax Revenue (Prop P)	10,411,645
Sales Tax Revenue (CityArchRiver)	10,411,645
Federal Grant Revenue	7,412,705
Rental Income	798,330
Cost Sharing Revenue	303,000
Contributions (CityArchRiver)	143,000
Interest income	4,324
Interest income (CityArchRiver)	30,854
Miscellaneous Income	76,909
Unrealized/Realized (Losses) (Prop C)	(4,534)
Unrealized/Realized Gains (CityArchRiver)	3,668
Accretion Income -	
Bond OIP (Prop C)	11,092
Accretion Income -	
Bond OIP (CityArchRiver)	93,980
Total Revenues	\$41,006,788
Expenses	
Salaries & Benefits	905,607
Professional Fees	593,154
Office & Support	481,758
Space & Occupancy	188,992
Administrative Capital Purchases	55,941
Administrative Capital Depreciation	66,459
Total Expenses	\$2,291,911

*All financial statements are unaudited and as of December 31, 2015.

The CityArchRiver Project: Partner & Steward

We steward **\$85 million** in bonded Proposition P funds for the taxpayers in St. Louis City & County. At the end of 2015, \$61 million of the \$73 million for construction of CityArchRiver projects on the Arch grounds and \$11,000 of the \$12 million for construction of Kiener Plaza had been spent or committed to contracts.



\$2 million designated annually to promote and sustain the CityArchRiver Project

100% of contracts awarded to local teams in competitive bidding process for 12 projects

1.5 miles of riverfront renovated, elevated for all to enjoy

41 people from the community served as Citizen Advisors on the project

51% of all construction dollars on the riverfront project awarded to disadvantaged business enterprises, plus 14.7% minority workforce participation

18.5 football fields (each 3 feet deep) worth of soil distributed across the site for consistency across projects to ensure good sustainable landscaping

1 of a kind public private partnership, a worldwide model for innovative collaborations



2015 Capital Expenses

- or —

Construction
- or —

Planning
- or —

Engineering
- Completed Projects
- - -

Master Plans
- Other Trails
- Parks/Open Space
- ★

Community Programs & Events
- ★

Conservation Programs & Events

Other Capital Projects (not shown on map)

Bike St. Louis Street Routes	Land Acquisition	Regional Plan
\$948,575	\$147,527	\$53,458
Regional Bike Collaboratives	Promote	Sustain
(Gateway Bike Plan and Bike Share Feasibility Study)	(communications, events, programs, outreach)	(conservation, operations, maintenance, volunteers)
\$118,430	\$719,712	\$617,961



— GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY —

2015 Board of Directors



***IN MEMORIAM: Stephen Michael Murray**

A founding member of the Great Rivers Greenway Board of Directors, Mike Murray served as a board member representing the City of St. Louis since our inception in 2000, including as board president.

Mike was a tireless champion of parks, open space and bicycling. His service to our region also included the Forest Park Forever Advisory Board, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. He was a passionate advocate for all cyclists and pedestrians helping to create a higher quality of life for the people of St. Louis through his volunteer efforts.

He loved to celebrate ribbon cuttings as milestones to progress for our organization. We look forward to many more ribbon cuttings because of Mike's vision and dedication.

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