

### **Great Rivers Greenway**

As the public agency tasked with connecting our region with greenways, one measure of annual accomplishment is miles completed. By this metric, 2018 was a record breaking year!

Thanks to you— along with many valued partners and donors—we added nearly seven miles to the regional network of greenways in St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County. Beyond adding miles, these expanded greenways have also created accessible connections to parks, transit, neighborhoods, schools, businesses and to each other.

While we were thrilled to cut so many ribbons, measuring our work goes beyond mileage to include deliberate community engagement, careful long-range planning and thoughtful stewardship to connect our region.

For 18 years, we have been delivering on the people's clear, bold vision developing a dynamic network of greenways strengthening the social, economic and environmental well-being of our region. As we prepare to update our regional plan to guide and measure our work for the next five years (stay tuned for opportunities to give your input in 2020!), we invite you to view this report to see what we accomplished last year.

The map shows where we invested your tax dollars, the facts and figures illustrate impact, and the included overview of the Mississippi Greenway: Cliff Cave Park project highlights how we build, promote and sustain a new greenway.

Thanks to all of our partners, board members and supporters for helping us bring our region's vision to life!

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Chief Executive Officer

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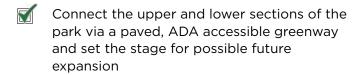
2018 Board President

Riverfront

### **2018 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT**

### Mississippi Greenway: Cliff Cave County Park

In May 2018, Great Rivers Greenway celebrated the completion of a new greenway segment in Cliff Cave County Park. Working in partnership with St. Louis County Parks, area residents and stakeholders, we delivered an expanded Mississippi Greenway that achieved all of the project goals:



Create a safer, more accessible overlook atop the 170 foot bluff so people of all abilities can enjoy the sweeping views of the Mississippi River

Add a new upper trailhead, complete with amenities and connections to both sides of the park and overlook

Create a neighborhood connection for people walking, riding bikes or pushing a stroller to access the park from Telegraph Road

Enhance the park's native ecology and habitat by removing invasive species and planting new native trees, shrubs, sedges and flowers (more than 1,000!)

Minimize impact to existing native trees and protect the bats that nest in them

Create interpretive signage to highlight the natural areas and features of the park and wayfinding signage and maps to help people easily navigate and enjoy the new greenway

Experience the soaring bluffs, wooded hillsides and sweeping river views for yourself- plan a visit to the Mississippi Greenway: Cliff Cave Park today!



ribbon cutting celebrations and 6.57 miles added to the region's network of greenways in St. Louis City, County and St. Charles County

new greenways broke ground-the Maline Greenway in Bella Fontaine Park and the long-awaited connection between the River des Peres Greenway and Gravois Greenway: Grant's Trail

**15t** full-time community engagement manager joined our staff to engage area residents, communities and partners across the region

new planning and community engagement efforts launched or advanced for the Deer Creek Greenway in Maplewood, Centennial Greenway in Olivette and Maline Greenway through Ferguson

community members discussed whether the alley in North St. **550** Louis City known as the Hodiamont/Suburban Tracks (a former streetcar and bus route) should be converted into a greenway -95% of people said yes!

volunteer hours contributed to benefit greenways, rivers, 12,786 creeks and streams - the equivalent of 6 full-time employees

volunteers engaged in 25 greenway cleanup and 3,414 conservation workdays coordinated with partners across the region

> tons of trash and 1,768 tires removed from rivers, creeks and greenways with partners across the region

acres of invasive plants have been removed, and 415 trees planted with the help of partners and volunteers

million dollars in charitable contributions given by 409 donors to the Great Rivers Greenway Foundation to support the greenways and habitat conservation efforts

strategies within our Diversity, Equity and **Inclusion Plan** identified to guide Great Rivers Greenway's commitment to embracing the region's diversity and proactively creating inclusive public spaces and processes





# 2018 Capital **Projects**

### Legend

Existing Greenways

Future Greenways

**Other Trails** 

or — Construction

or — Planning/Engineering

MetroLink & Stops Stream

**Body of Water** 

Parks & Open Space

### Other Capital Projects

(not shown on map)

**Maintenance Reserve & Land Acquisition** \$879,447

**Regional Collaborations** \$536,714

Promote: communications, events, programs & outreach \$441.671

**Sustain:** conservation, operations maintenance & volunteers \$1,383,386



### **2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

#### STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS & LIABILITIES

ASSETS
Cash & Investments - Prop C\$10,057,082
Cash & Investments - Prop P 6,076,416
Cash & Investments - CAR14,488,897
Restricted cash - Prop C2,906,014
Restricted cash - CAR1,978,084
Sales tax receivable - Prop C1,974,358
Sales tax receivable - Prop P1,759,525
Sales tax receivable - CAR1,759,525
Grant receivables260,436
Other receivables57,057
Interest Receivables22,883
Prepaid expenses94,226
Land26,833,791
Land Improvements92,647,481
Buildings260,118
Contruction in Process25,394,526
Furniture, Fixtures & Equip903,800

Accumulated depreciation ..... (47,875,829)

TOTAL ASSETS...

..\$139,598,391

94¢ of every dollar

spent in 2018 went back to the community to build,

promote and sustain your network of greenways.

#### **LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable\$2,231,970
Accrued Interest - Prop C32,643
Accrued Interest - CAR6,849
Accrued liabilities158,982
Bonds payable - Prop C14,455,000
Bonds payable - CAR66,915,000
Unearned revenue - Bond OIP, net - Prop C—
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#### **NET ASSETS**

Unrestricted	.\$19,741,573
Restricted	19,262,486
Investment in property and equence of related debt	•

TOTAL NET ASSETS .....\$54,364,751

TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$85,233,640

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NET ACCETS	¢170 E00 701

#### STATEMENT OF REVENUES & ADMINISTRATIVE **EXPENSES**

#### **REVENUES**

TOTAL REVENUES\$36,417,718
Miscellaneous income12,487
Investment income - CAR246,658
Investment income178,431
Contributions - CAR
Cost sharing revenues812,031
Rental income988,189
Private Contributions335,325
Local Grants
Federal government grants810,929
Sales tax revenue - CAR10,665,603
Sales tax revenue - Prop P10,665,603
Sales tax revenue - Prop C \$11,702,461

#### **EXPENSES**

Salaries	\$824,099
Benefits	. ,
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Professional Fees	282,962
Office & Support	342,867
Space & Occupancy	198,072
Administrative Capital Purcha	ses7,597
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## \*All financial statements are unaudited

### **PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

#### **CHOUTEAU GREENWAY**

The Chouteau Greenway is a major public-private partnership that aims to transform St. Louis by connecting people and our City's most treasured places, creating inspiring experiences and equitable opportunities for growth.

2018 kicked off the second stage of the Chouteau Greenway design competition. Four teams delivered initial concepts for comprehensive community feedback. After a series of community events, exhibits and online surveys, the competition jury selected Stoss Landscape Urbanism team —six local-to-St. Louis and six national entities—to develop a framework plan. With substantial financial support via the Great Rivers Greenway Foundation, planning and concept refinement continued through 2018, incorporating feedback for a greenway focused on connectivity, economic opportunity, equity and sustainability. Learn more about the Chouteau Greenway at ChouteauGreenway.org.





















### CITYARCHRIVER PROJECT

Celebrating an invigorated, expanded and connected Gateway Arch National Park, Mississippi Riverfront and Kiener Plaza

In July, CityArchRiver partners celebrated the grand opening of the new Gateway Arch National Park. The \$380 million transformation represented a historic partnership between the private sector and federal, state and local government agencies. As one of six major partners, we stewarded the \$85 million in bonded Proposition P funds for the taxpayers in St. Louis City and County. From day one, our team actively collaborated to ensure construction dollars for this major investment were awarded to local contractors. The final tally: 158 contracts awarded to local firms representing almost 90% of the total value of all contracts. On the riverfront, 51% of all construction dollars awarded to disadvantaged and women business enterprises with 14.4% on-site minority workforce participation. For Kiener Plaza, 35.97% of contracts awarded to disadvantaged and women business enterprises with 25% minority workforce participation.





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