



Great Rivers Greenway

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



LIVE LIFE OUTSIDE

For sixteen years, we have been building and bringing to life a network of greenways in St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County. Working with citizens and partners, we are literally and figuratively knitting our fragmented region together. With these connections comes better understanding — and a greater opportunity to bridge some of the divides that beset our region.

2016 was a significant year for us. Not only did we successfully complete our regional plan update (as we do every five years), we worked with our partners to leverage sixteen years of experience to develop best practices for citizen engagement, level-of-care guidelines and interpretive standards to increase our impact.

At the core of these efforts are the people we serve: citizens, civic leaders,

stakeholders and partners. During our regional plan update process, you helped us clearly define the implementation strategies and action plans that will guide our efforts to ensure the long-term success of the greenways for years to come.

How can we best sum up 2016? It was a year of progress, planning and partnerships

In June, we celebrated the 1.5 mile extension of the Mississippi Greenway and improvements to Leonor K. Sullivan Blvd. as part of the larger CityArchRiver project. People from all corners of the region came together for a community picnic—complete with a 2016 foot picnic table along the mighty Mississippi River.

Our 2016 planning efforts prepared the way for 6.8 miles of new greenway and 3 bridges ready to break ground in the first quarter of 2017 alone;

the Mississippi Greenway in Cliff Cave County Park; River des Peres Greenway from Shrewsbury Lansdowne MetroLink Station to Francis R. Slay Park, Centennial Greenway Bridges over 364 and 94, and the Fee Fee Greenway from McKelvey Woods to Creve Coeur County Park.

Planning for Chouteau Greenway gained momentum alongside other development within the central corridor of St. Louis City, which will eventually connect Forest Park to the Gateway Arch. We'll take the first step on this project when the Boyle MetroLink Station in the Cortex Innovation Community breaks ground in 2017.

2016 was also the year we launched the Great Rivers Greenway

Foundation. Our aim is to seek private funding for projects through donations, grants and events that will maximize

and expand the use of tax dollars for transformational projects and for areas of greatest need. We are eager to expand on these efforts as we build a community of people to support and enjoy the greenways!

Open up this report to see what we accomplished in 2016. You'll find our operating budget, our stewardship of Proposition P funds in the CityArchRiver Project, and our capital expenses displayed in a map of all of our projects.

Thanks to all of our partners, board members and supporters for bringing this vision for our region to life!

Susan K. Trautman *Neal F. Perryman*

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Chief Executive Officer

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2016 Board President

**A few of the
2 million
users of our
greenways in 2016**



2016 by the Numbers



113
miles of
greenways

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



1ST Annual Life
Outside Festival

2,000 people enjoyed more than 40 opportunities to see try and learn new ways to *Live Life Outside!* 97% of attendees said they will be back!

10,300
volunteer hours

to benefit greenways, rivers, creeks and streams in 2016 — the equivalent of 5 full-time employees!



3,000
people came
together

for a community picnic to celebrate the completion of a 1.5 mile extension of the Mississippi Greenway along the downtown St. Louis Riverfront.



2,508
native plants

and ½ acre of pollinator habitat planted along the region's greenways.

\$2.7 million

in federal, state and local grants to leverage the taxpayers' investment in the region.



1 acre
Trojan Park

Opened on October 8, extending the St. Vincent Greenway. Planned with the input of Wellston residents, it was built with the help and generous support of 35 local and national donors through the National Recreation and Park Association's Parks Build Community Initiative.



2,094
volunteers

engaged in 22 greenway cleanup and conservation workdays coordinated with partners across the region.

12 acres

of invasive honeysuckle cleared from parks and greenways with the help of partners and volunteers.



7.4 tons
of scrap metal,
1,904 tires and
53.5 tons of trash

removed from rivers and creeks across the region with the help of volunteers and partners.



6.8
miles

of new greenway and 3 bridges planned and approved for construction in first quarter of 2017.



167
partners
collaborating

to build, promote and sustain your network of greenways. Check them all out at: greatriversgreenway.org/partners

95¢ of every dollar

spent in 2016 went back to the community to build, promote and sustain your network of greenways.



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The CityArchRiver project is a \$380 million public-private partnership that will make St. Louis' beloved Gateway Arch easier and safer for everyone to experience by connecting, invigorating and expanding the park's grounds and museums. The project connects the Gateway Arch grounds with downtown and the riverfront, where locals and tourists alike will find new opportunities to learn, linger and enjoy one of the world's most recognized icons.

We're **1 of 6** partners in the CityArchRiver Alliance:



Statement of Net Assets

ASSETS	
Cash & Investments - Prop C.....	\$13,915,173
Cash & Investments - Prop P.....	4,887,583
Cash & Investments - CAR	9,979,726
Restricted cash - Prop C	3,144,412
Restricted cash - CAR	13,562,980
Sales tax receivable - Prop C	1,910,850
Sales tax receivable - Prop P.....	1,734,675
Sales tax receivable - CAR	1,734,675
Grant receivables.....	100,000
Other receivables	190,138
Prepaid expenses	69,073
Land.....	26,166,469
Buildings.....	260,118
Land improvements	91,359,187
Leasehold improvements	199,666
Construction in progress.....	51,773,907
Office Furniture & Equipment.....	546,710
Automobiles.....	52,153
Accumulated depreciation	(35,185,299)
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$186,402,196

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable.....	\$3,415,563
Accrued Interest - Prop C.....	69,370
Accrued Interest - CAR.....	7,260
Accrued liabilities	110,835
Bonds payable - Prop C.....	19,520,000
Bonds payable - CAR	73,825,000
Unearned revenue - Bond OIP, net - Prop C.....	116,464
Unearned revenue - Bond OIP, net - CAR.....	1,621,155
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$98,685,647
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	30,995,315
Restricted.....	16,630,941
Investment in property and equipment, net of related debt	40,090,293
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$87,716,549
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS.....	\$186,402,196

Statement of Revenues & Administrative Expenses

REVENUES	
Sales tax revenue - Prop C.....	\$11,563,736
Sales tax revenue - Prop P	10,590,410
Sales tax revenue - CAR.....	10,590,410
Federal government grants.....	2,422,435
Local Grants.....	315,000
Private Contributions.....	634,514
Rental income	990,580
Cost sharing revenues.....	5,500
Contributions - CAR.....	7,974,354
Interest income.....	30,410
Interest income - CAR.....	52,344
Unrealized/Realized Gains/(Losses) - Prop C.....	(4,330)
Unrealized/Realized Gains/(Losses) - CAR.....	69,007
Accretion income - bond OIP - Prop C.....	11,092
Accretion income - bond OIP - CAR.....	93,980
Miscellaneous income.....	24,649
TOTAL REVENUES	\$45,364,091

EXPENSES	
Salaries	\$647,949
Benefits	144,898
Professional Fees.....	382,658
Office & Support.....	321,632
Space & Occupancy	193,813
Administrative Capital Purchases	26,600
Administrative Capital Depreciation.....	70,592
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,788,142
<i>*All financial statements are unaudited and as of December 31, 2016.</i>	

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 2016, \$70.3 million of the \$85 million for construction of CityArchRiver projects on the Arch grounds and \$5.2 million of the \$12 million for construction of Kiener Plaza had been spent or committed to contracts.

1,873 contacts in the regional construction industry invited to pre-bid meetings to learn and form collaborative teams to bid.

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 sustainable landscaping.

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

\$2 million designated annually to 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.

11 acres of new greenspace to explore and enjoy.

4,000 trees on the newly designed Arch Grounds. As part of the CityArchRiver project, the number of trees has been doubled, enhancing the landscape for generations to come.





- ## Other Capital Projects

(not shown on map)

\$1,117,537