



Making the St. Louis Region a Better Place to Live

2013 Annual Report





A Message from the Executive Director and Board President

Progress towards our mission can be measured in a variety of ways—miles of trails built, acres of green space preserved, or number of people using trails and greenways. In 2013, the greatest measure of our growth and progress was the successful passage of Proposition P: The Safe and Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative on April 2nd. Thanks to the voters of St. Louis City and St. Louis County, we will accelerate the expansion of the River Ring, transform the Gateway Arch grounds, and continue to make the region an even better place to live.

The success of Prop P also reaffirmed the mission of the Great Rivers Greenway District. The voters’ endorsement of this ballot measure tells us they recognize the value of parks, trails and greenways. It also validated our stewardship of the voters’ tax dollars—a responsibility our board of directors and staff take very seriously. While April 2nd was clearly a historic day for the District, the rest of 2013 was filled with important milestones and accomplishments. The other 364 days found our project managers hard at work in 17 active greenways—setting the stage for further growth and progress. Here are some highlights:

- We celebrated Arbor Day by opening a new two-mile segment of the Centennial Greenway that connects Clayton, Ladue, University City and Olivette with a safe, off-road trail.
- We broke ground on the Central Riverfront Project and successfully engaged the minority contracting community to work on the project.
- We bonded the first \$30 million in sales tax for CityArchRiver at an exceptional interest rate.
- We completed 4.5 miles of trail, with an additional 10 miles opened in early 2014.

- We purchased 12 parcels of land for a total of 79 more acres of public open space and parks.
 - We began construction in the Mississippi River Greenway on the Jefferson Barracks Comfort Station.
 - We submitted preliminary design plans for Bike St. Louis Phase III to MoDOT.
 - We completed new Gateway Bike Plan maps.
 - We hosted several successful open houses to gather citizen input and feedback on Bike St. Louis Phase III, The Trestle, Western Greenway and the Grant’s Trail to River des Peres Connection.
 - We completed one additional mile of trail in the River des Peres Greenway between I-55 and Alabama and launched construction of two new projects totaling four miles—the Carondelet Connector and Gravois to Lansdowne.
 - We completed the first mile of the three-mile McKelvey Woods Trail on the Missouri River Greenway, an off-road connection between Maryland Heights and Creve Coeur Park.
 - We completed construction of the three-mile Earth City Levee Trail that connects the 1.5 mile Riverwoods Trail and provides a direct link to the Mississippi River Trail on State Hwy 370.
 - We awarded nearly \$150,000 in programming grants to 53 programs and events in St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County.
- This work is accomplished incrementally—and requires the partnership of area municipalities, citizen consultants, and other organizations. We are grateful for their efforts, along with the support of the residents of St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County. We look forward to what we can accomplish together in 2014—and in the years to come.

Great Rivers Greenway District was created by a vote of the people with a mission of making the St. Louis region an even better place to live. Since 2000, our staff, board, and many partners have advanced this mission by connecting communities, preserving nature, promoting healthy lifestyles, providing transportation alternatives and creating economic vitality within the communities we serve.

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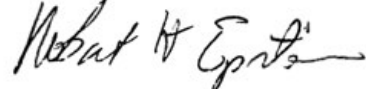
Mayor & County Executives

The Honorable Francis Slay,
Mayor, St. Louis City
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County Executive, St. Louis County
The Honorable Steve Ehlmann,
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Susan Trautman
Executive Director


Robert Epstein
President, 2013 Board of Directors

Statement of Net Assets (unaudited)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Assets	Cash & Investments (Prop C)	\$850,148
	Cash & Investments (Prop P)	693,113
	Cash & Investments (CityArchRiver)	874,301
	Restricted Cash (Prop C)	3,080,637
	Restricted Cash (CityArchRiver)	29,488,179
	Sales Tax Receivable (Prop C)	1,682,561
	Sales Tax Receivable (Prop P)	1,499,369
	Sales Tax Receivable (CityArchRiver)	1,499,369
	Grant Receivable	1,817,671
	Other Receivables	95,816
	Prepaid Expenses	23,201
	Land	25,179,250
	Building	163,166
	Land Improvements	67,344,567
	Construction in Progress	26,592,704
	Office Furniture & Equipment	297,860
	Accumulated Depreciation	(18,576,548)
	Total Assets	\$142,605,364
Liabilities	Accounts Payable	\$3,518,483
	Accrued Liabilities	39,319
	Accrued Bond Interest (Prop C)	89,907
	Bonds Payable (Prop C)	23,440,000
	Bonds Payable (CityArchRiver)	30,000,000
	Unearned Revenue - Bond OIP, Net	149,739
	Total Liabilities	\$57,237,448
Net Assets	Unrestricted	\$4,590,755
	Restricted	33,455,808
	Investment in Property & Equipment, Net of Related Debt	47,321,353
	Total Net Assets	\$85,367,916
Total Liabilities & Net Assets		\$142,605,364



Supporting the Mission

Hilary Smith, Director of Finance; Sheryll Williams, Special Events Coordinator; and
Glenna Nesbit, Administrative Assistant

Statement of Revenues & Administrative Expenses (unaudited)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Revenues	Sales Tax Revenue (Prop C)	\$10,379,976
	Sales Tax Revenue (Prop P)	2,192,283
	Sales Tax Revenue (CityArchRiver)	2,192,283
	Federal Grant Revenue	3,206,773
	Rent Income	461,580
	Cost Sharing Revenues	105,450
	Investment Income	14,075
	Miscellaneous Income	3,681
	Total Revenues	\$18,556,101
Expenses	Salaries & Benefits	\$275,751
	Professional Fees	323,757
	Office & Support	179,510
	Space & Occupancy	108,209
	Administrative Capital Purchases	6,904
	Administrative Capital Depreciation	31,524
	Total Expenses	\$925,655



Great Rivers Greenway Board of Directors

Prop P: History in the Making

On April 2, 2013 the voters of St. Louis City and St. Louis County affirmed our mission by passing Prop P: The Safe & Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative.

This ballot measure authorized a 3/16 of a cent sales tax increase in St. Louis City and St. Louis County to provide funds for regional parks, greenways and the CityArchRiver 2015 Project.

Prop P is expected to generate \$31 million annually for the next 20 years, with 40 percent of the funds received going to parks in St. Louis City and St. Louis County, and the remaining 60 percent being distributed to Great Rivers Greenway. Half of the funds allotted to the District will be dedicated to the CityArchRiver 2015 Project; the other half will be dedicated to planned projects in St. Louis City and St. Louis County. The Great Rivers Greenway Board of Directors serves as steward of these funds.

Thanks to the voters, Prop P has effectively doubled the District's income—enabling us to accelerate our work in more than 17 active greenways, build more on and off -road trails, and expand the river ring.



Groundbreaking on Central Riverfront project, November 14, 2013



2013: A Year of Growth and Progress

As we reflect on 2013, we are reminded that our mission is accomplished one mile of trail, one section of greenway, and one parcel of preserved and protected green space at a time. While each mile matters, they all work together to form the vision of the River Ring—a clean, green, connected network linking our region across 45 greenways where people can walk, run, bike and play.

Central to this work are the District's project managers. Our greenway and project assignments are divided among seven project managers. They are tasked with building new trails, expanding area greenways, and creating new connections for the people of the region. Each day finds them working in partnership with area residents, municipalities, government agencies, elected officials, conservation groups, and other organizations.

While there is no “typical day” for a Great Rivers Greenway project manager, their collective efforts in 2013 are already adding up to a cleaner, greener, more connected region in 2014 and beyond.



Expanding The River Ring

The River Ring is the long-term vision of Great Rivers Greenway. When complete, the entire St. Louis region will be encircled by a 600-mile, interconnected system of greenways, trails, on-street bicycle routes and parks.





Engaging the Community

“We had more people attend our open houses and informational meetings in 2013 than ever before. It is exciting to see so much interest in the District’s projects—and it’s growing exponentially. We had over 200 people show up to The Trestle Open House in June to ask questions about the project and share ideas. People are familiar with the High Line in New York and have a strong interest in seeing The Trestle come to life in St. Louis. They recognize what an incredible opportunity it is for recreation, connection and transformation in Old North St. Louis—and across the region.”

TODD ANTOINE
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

Expenses by Director of Planning: Todd Antoine (unaudited)		
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013		
Chouteau Greenway	Midtown Loop	\$97,751
	Total Chouteau Greenway	\$97,751
Confluence Greenway	Trestle	\$182,542
	Branch Street Trail & Trailhead	4,107
	Trail & Trailhead Amenities	23,760
	Total Confluence Greenway	\$210,409
Collaboratives	Gateway Bike Plan	\$336,038
	Bike St. Louis Phase III	2,940
	Bike Share Feasibility Study	3,554
	HUD Sustainability Grant Match	55,348
	Regional Plan Update	875
	Statewide Trail Mapping Partnership	26,958
	Land Acquisition	419,581
	Trail Maintenance & Monitoring	239,038
	Grants & Sponsorships	148,187
	Promotion	153,798
	Maps & Metrics	76,368
	Total Collaboratives	\$1,462,685
	Grand Total	\$1,770,845

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Expenses by Project Manager: Lonny Boring (unaudited)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Busch Greenway	Missouri Research Park to Hamburg Trail	\$76,768
	Total Busch Greenway	\$76,768
Dardenne Greenway	Cottleville Trails to Bluebird Meadow	\$14,988
	Bluebird Meadow	660,311
	Lakeside 370 to Old Town St. Peters	3,394
	Rabbit Run to Cottleville Trails	1,440,950
	Trail & Trailhead Amenities	31,995
	Total Dardenne Greenway	\$2,151,638
Meramec Greenway	12 Mile Initiative-Castlewood State Park Trail	\$44,422
	Old Towne Fenton to Meramec	147,181
	River Mile 14-15: Sunset Hills	78,375
	River Mile 32: Al Foster Phase VI	32,779
	Connection to Fenton City Park	23,237
	Trailhead Development	3,891
	Total Meramec Greenway	\$329,885
St. Vincent Greenway	Plymouth-Etzel Trail, Remediation, Riparian	\$30,205
	DeBaliviere Project	51,038
	Forest Park Pkwy to Visitor Center	85,000
	Great Streets Project - Natural Bridge	4,203
	Great Streets Project - Page Ave	2,602
	Hanley Metrolink to Northpark Trail	3,197
	Hanley Metrolink to UMSL Wayne Goode Trail	2,994
	Hodiamont Right of Way	9,158
	Plymouth to St. Charles Rock Road	30,895
	St. Vincent Park-Rock Road Trail, Riparian	3,917
	UMSL Wayne Goode Trail to Ted Jones Trail	520,668
	Trail Ranger Program	124,741
	St. Vincent Greenway, Inc.	13,286
	Trail & Trailhead Amenities	8,985
	Total St. Vincent Greenway	\$890,889
Western Greenway	Total Western Greenway	\$99,895
	Grand Total	\$3,549,075



Transforming the Region

“2013 was a historic year for area parks, greenways and trails. It started with an extensive public engagement effort in the Western Greenway and the support for our plans to link the Meramec and Missouri River Greenways was overwhelming. The success of Prop P was another affirmation. The voters made it clear that they value not only trails and greenways, but also a revitalized Arch grounds. I am proud to be a part these transformational projects and look forward to connecting the City to the Arch to the River.”

LONNY BORING
PROJECT MANAGER

Expenses by Project Manager: Carey Bundy (unaudited)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Confluence Greenway	Central Riverfront	\$3,656,134
	Chain of Rocks Bridge Development	50,090
	McKinley Bridge Bikeway	1,199
	North Riverfront Trail	45,830
	Total Confluence Greenway	\$3,753,253
Gravois Greenway	Grant's Trail Extension to River des Peres	\$262,891
	Grant's Trail Phase V	5,889
	Total Gravois Greenway	\$268,780
Mississippi River Greenway	Canary Island Riverside Greenway	\$4,266
	Downtown to River des Peres	23,452
	Lyons Park to Sugarloaf Mounds	27,208
	River des Peres to Jefferson Barracks Park	81,712
	Pinnacle to Carondelet Coke	16,328
	Sister Marie Charles Park to Bellerive Park	73,765
	Total Mississippi River Greenway	\$226,731
River Des Peres Greenway	RdP IV- Alabama Bridge to Mississippi River Greenway	\$96,596
	Carondelet Connector I-55 to Carondelet Park	1,412,904
	RdP III-I-55 to Alabama	673,769
	Forest Park to Manchester	4,580
	Lansdowne to Gravois	2,909,814
	River des Peres Extension	4,016
	Lansdowne to Francis Slay Park	95,608
	Trail & Trailhead Amenities	16,370
	Total River Des Peres Greenway	\$5,213,657
Shady Creek Greenway	Lorraine Davis Park to Deer Creek Park	\$134,504
	Deer Creek Center to RDP Confluence Trail	49,033
	Deer Creek Park & Center Trail	25,538
	Total Shady Creek Greenway	\$209,075
Grand Total		\$9,671,496



Building Quality Projects

“In 2013, we temporarily closed a three mile section of the River des Peres Greenway for planned improvements. Even though we already knew the River des Peres Greenway trail was heavily used by walkers and cyclists—managing the construction gave us the chance to see it for ourselves. As a project manager, I focus on building quality projects and monitoring the taxpayer’s investment. Rebuilding this trail was an ongoing reminder of how many people use the greenways for exercise, fresh air, or getting around town.”

CAREY BUNDY
PROJECT MANAGER



Creating Connections

“Building the Centennial Greenway from Shaw Park to Olive was challenging but also rewarding. Not only did this project fulfill our mission, it also illustrated what a big difference a trail can make in a person’s everyday life. For the residents of the Crown Center for Senior Living, the new and improved trail has become a lifeline connection to the grocery store, to exercise and to socialization. One disabled Crown Center resident thanked me with tears in her eyes because she can now safely and independently travel where she could not before. It is a great example of the importance of our work.”

PATRICK OWENS
PROJECT MANAGER

Expenses by Project Manager: Patrick Owens (unaudited)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Boschert Greenway	Total Boschert Greenway	\$1,005
Centennial Greenway	Heman Park to Mona Terrace	\$41,983
	I-270 to Creve Coeur Park	1,979
	Shaw Park to Olive Metro Corridor	311,605
	St. Charles - Heritage to Wapelhorst	229,665
	Washington Univ. to Delmar Trail	42,977
	Trail & Trailhead Amenities	2,577
	Total Centennial Greenway	\$630,786
Maline Greenway	Bellefontaine to N Riverfront Trail	\$13,915
	Bridges in Bellefontaine Park	91,376
	Plaza at 501 to Forestwood Park	265,773
	Total Maline Greenway	\$371,064
Missouri River Greenway	McKelvey Phase I	\$346,329
	Creve Coeur Park Connector Trail	2,072
	Monarch Chesterfield Levee Trail	112,120
	Earth City Levee Trail	1,471,416
	McKelvey Woods Phase II	168,015
	Trail & Trailhead Amenities	3,237
Sunset Greenway	Total Missouri River Greenway	\$2,103,189
Sunset Greenway	Total Sunset Greenway	\$18,243
Grand Total		\$3,124,287

2014: Looking Ahead

After completing an organizational alignment study to develop direction for staffing as a result of Prop P, we welcomed three new project managers to the staff.

“I am looking forward to breaking ground on our project in the Shady & Deer Creek Greenways. We will link an existing trail in Deer Creek (Rocket) Park with Lorraine Davis Park in Webster Groves. When it’s done, the greenway will breathe new life into Lorraine Davis Park while connecting three cities—Maplewood, Brentwood and Webster Groves.”

MEGAN RIECHMANN
PROJECT MANAGER

“If I had to draw a map of my career path, a large portion would travel along Chouteau Greenway. That’s why I am so thrilled to be overseeing the District’s work on the Midtown Loop of Chouteau Greenway. I am looking forward to making progress this year on a project that will ultimately create a great connection between Forest Park, Saint Louis University, and Grand Center.”

MARK VOGL
PROJECT MANAGER

“After a lot of planning and citizen input, I am ready to see Phase 3 of Bike St. Louis come to life in 2014. I am also excited about where we are heading with the Gateway Bike Plan. Not only are we building more on-street bicycle facilities, but also we are seeing more people on bikes thanks to our partners’ education, encouragement and enforcement efforts.”

ELIZABETH SIMONS
ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER



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