



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of City Coordinator

Date: June 1, 2009
To: Council Member Scott Benson, Chair, Health, Energy and Environment Committee
Subject: **2009 Living Well Sustainability Report**
Recommendation: Receive and File

Previous Directives:

- **April 2009:** Minneapolis Greenprint Sustainability Report
- **May 2008:** Minneapolis Living Well Sustainability Report
- **June 23, 2008:** Council directs staff to develop an indicator measuring the emerging green economy
- **June 2006:** First Minneapolis Annual Sustainability Report presented to HE&E
- **March 31, 2006:** Adopted Sustainability Targets and new Air Quality indicator
- **Resolution: 2005R-251:** Adopted 23 Sustainability Indicators and further directed staff
- **Resolution 2003R-133:** Initiated the Sustainability Initiative

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: June Mathiowetz and Living Well Staff Leads

Financial Impact

No financial impact

Community Impact

City Goals – The data tracking and reporting found within the Living Well report help facilitate progress on the City's "Enriched Environment", "Connected Communities", and "Premier Destination" goals.

Supporting Information

Attached is the 2009 Living Well – the fourth annual report on progress related to the City Council adopted indicators that evolved out of the City's 2003 Sustainability Initiative. Each of the 25 indicators found in the report tracks targets, trends and recent activities and allows us to measure progress and match actions with goals.

The report is divided into three sections. Highlights of 2008 include:

A Healthy Life

- Achieved a 22-percent decrease in the number of children identified with lead poisoning and made the standard that triggers mandatory home inspections for lead more stringent.
- Supported the development of six mini farmers markets that provided 58 market days of locally grown, fresh produce and served 3,200 residents in primarily low-income neighborhoods.

GreenPrint

- Added a Green Jobs indicator as part of an effort to define, develop and track the green economy in the city.
- Met the target for no combined sewer overflows during rainstorms all year for the second year in a row.
- Met the water quality improvement target for Lake Calhoun for the fourth year in a row while Brownie Lake reached the goal for the first time.
- Increased biking options in the city with more new trails, the new Midtown Bike Center, and the launching of the Bike Walk Ambassador program.

A Vital Community

- Facilitated \$4.35 million in grants to clean up 26 brownfield sites and 62 acres.
- Met the target for reducing homicides and reached the lowest number of homicides since 1985.
- Continued multifaceted efforts to prevent youth violence and saw a 29-percent decrease in violent crime with juvenile suspects.

A number of other important efforts are already under way for 2009 including implementing an environmental purchasing policy for City staff in making purchasing decisions, advancing the Homegrown Minneapolis Initiative to increase local food production in the city, generating more sources of clean energy, and accelerating the cleanup schedule of certain highly-contaminated residential sites in the City using federal stimulus dollars.

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The report can be found on this City's website along with a listing of sustainability awards received by the City at: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability

Cc: Sustainability Staff Leads and Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

Attachment 1: 2009 Living Well Report