

## Upcoming Events

- Sustainable Cities Conference and Land Lab Competition Washington University, Nov. 1-3, 2012  
Free, but registration requested.  
<http://sustainablecities.wustl.edu/>

## Of Note

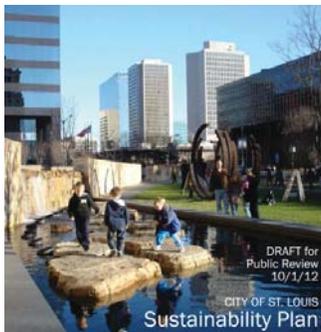
The City of St. Louis was recognized as an innovator in the Carbon Disclosure Project's 2012 Global Report. Highlighted as one of "Four innovations to watch in 2012," the City earned the spotlight for the development of its triple bottom line Sustainability Plan.

The City's Cycling Initiative was awarded the U.S Conference of Mayors Livability Honorable Mention Award.

## Mission

*The City of St. Louis harnesses the strength and spirit of its diverse community to create an economically, socially and ecologically vibrant city for present and future generations - one that serves those who live, work and play in the City's rich and celebrated historic landscape.*

## City Sustainability Plan 101:



The City of St. Louis Sustainability Plan is now available on the City's website as a [Draft For Public Review](#). The City's Sustainability Plan was developed with the help of a team of experienced consultants over an 18-month period that included both public outreach and community engagement activities. To help summarize and share aspects of the 260 page document, the City will conduct ***Sustainability Plan :: inform*** during the Fall of 2012. During that time, the City's Sustainability Director will give several presentations, and there will be a Public Hearing held by the Planning Commission on November 7, 2012, at 1520 Market Street at 5:30 pm. Written comments will be accepted on the City's Sustainability Plan through November 14 on the Sustainability Plan [Comment Form](#). Once the Planning Commission adopts the Sustainability Plan, it will become an official City document. When the Plan is adopted, Mayor Slay will also provide a suggested Action Agenda for implementing priorities of the City's Sustainability Plan in partnership with the community.

## We are Sustainable

While the City boasts many attractive parks, historic buildings, charming neighborhoods, and vibrant places, we know that the true soul of the City is the collection of generous and dedicated individuals who live, work, and play in the City of St. Louis. Everyone has the ability to make a difference. No matter how insignificant it may seem, when aggregated together, even the smallest acts and efforts can have enormous impact. Here are some ways to help bring about a more sustainable City of St. Louis:

**Live Sustainably:** The next time you shop, take a reusable bag. The production of plastic bags and paper bags cost the U.S. about 12 million barrels of oil and 14 million trees annually. Over the course of its life, one cloth bag can replace more than 1000 plastic bags. [Source](#)

**Work Sustainably:** When you leave the office, unplug printers, copiers, and other office electronics; even when not in use, plugged in devices drain immense amounts of energy. [Source](#)

**Play Sustainably:** When active outdoors, bring a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated. Purchased bottled water is an expensive and unnecessary product in a place like St. Louis, which has exceptional water quality standards.



ON SUSTAINABILITY



Lambert-St. Louis International Airport has been actively advancing sustainability since 1989, when it began using alternative fuels for fleet and shuttles. Some of the many sustainable initiatives at the Airport today include CNG vehicles, an Environmental Management System, a food waste reduction/recycling pilot program, a water conservation policy, and the formation of an in-house "Green Team." In an effort to reduce energy consumption, state of the art HVAC units and high efficiency lighting on the Concourse have been installed. The Airport is implementing new policies relating to Energy STAR equipment, green purchasing, day lighting, low-emitting materials, and bottled water. For more information click [here](#).

