



Mission: Sustaining our communities and the environment through practical innovation.

09 THE GREEN INSTITUTE

“The Green Institute and its programs will continue to seek opportunities that will cement our place not only in the community, but regionally and nationally. While we will forge ahead in 2010, we must remember the lessons from our past and the importance of responsibility in growing sustainably. Not only are we rebuilding our foundation, we are planting seeds for generations to come. Many thanks to staff, board, volunteers and supporters of the Green Institute for their hard work in 2009.”

- Executive Director
October, 2009

“We started as the dream of a community and our accomplishments in sixteen years in green building, clean energy and reuse/salvage echo that legacy. The sale of our flagship building was bittersweet for many, allowing us to retire historic debt and marking a turning point for the organization. With the risks of climate change and resource depletion resonating high, the Green Institute is more relevant and better poised than ever with the ability and flexibility to now strategically choose how to invest in its future.”

- Bill Kingsbury, Board Chair
October, 2009

Messages

From the Director and Board Chair

Performance

Overall Organization and Programs

Programs

ReUse Center and Deconstruction Services is a salvage building material enterprise. The program provides jobs and community benefits while diverting an estimated four hundred tons of building material from landfills every year. More than 710,000 annual customers find sustainable building materials, including high quality reclaimed and whole sale building materials.

Community Energy supports local efforts to transition from our fossil-fuel based economy to a clean energy future benefiting communities. With funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, the Port Authority and the Minnesota Department of Commerce, the Green Institute partners in the development of programs and initiatives, which advance clean energy and energy conservation projects state-wide.

Since 2007, The Green Institute has coordinated the Twin Cities Metro Region of the Clean Energy Resource Teams, which provides technical assistance and organizational support to citizen-based energy projects. The Green Institute also founded the Phillips Community Energy Cooperative, which provides energy efficiency services, including an appliance trade-in program to Phillips residents.

2801 21 st Avenue South, Suite 110
(612) 278-7100
fax 612-278-7101

Visit us on the web:
www.greeninstitute.org

A YEAR IN REVIEW



ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Accomplishments in 2009

The Green Institute released the following publications: Phase 1: A Retrospective of the Phillips Eco-Enterprise Center, Pellet Stoves: A Preliminary Investigation, SummerHouse: A Case Study of Energy Efficiency in a Senior Living Facility in Shoreview, MN and energy conservation and carbon reduction fact sheets and easy-to-use calculators for the public.

The ReUse Center exceeded last year's sales and deconstruction projects by 25%. The DeCon Program partnered with local construction skills training and job placement programs, including Goodwill Easter seals, the American Indian OIC, MTC High School and others, with an employee retention rate of 65%. DeCon participated in a pilot program with the City of Saint Paul to determine a municipal standard for waste reduction through reuse and recycling of building materials for all demolition projects.

Community Energy was contracted by Community Action Partnership to offer low-income energy audits to renters and homeowners in Anoka County. Three Green Institute Staff became state-certified residential energy auditors. An energy efficiency kiosk carrying high quality, discounted energy and water conservation products is launched at the Minneapolis ReUse Center.

Clean Energy Resource Teams secured core funding from the Legislature and a grant from the Bush Foundation. Metro CERT celebrated its first year anniversary and support provided to twenty community energy projects. The Green Institute hired two new community organizers to support the expansion of CERTs services to more communities within an eleven counties Twin Cities Metro Area.

The Green Institute served hot breakfast to over 300 bikers, including Mayor Rybak, for this year's Twin Cities Bike/Walk to Work Event. 46.4 pounds of organics was composted and less than half a bag of trash was produced.

The Green Institute sold the Phillips Eco-Enterprise Center to Greenway LLC, Wellington Management Inc. The Green Institute secured a 2009 Energy Star designation for the Phillips Eco-Enterprise Center and continued in-depth testing and analysis in collaboration with new owners and volunteer experts in energy and engineering to ensure optimal performance.

The Green Institute is a member of the Minnesota Environmental Fund, a federation of organizations with one common goal: maintaining our high-quality environment. Since 1991, the Minnesota Environmental Fund has raised over \$8 million to help fund the work of our 21 members.

