



THE GREEN INSTITUTE

Since 1993, **The Green Institute** has grown from a neighborhood-based social justice movement to become one of the state's leading non-profit innovators developing tangible solutions that sustain the environment and our communities.

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Some of our accomplishments for the fiscal year ending July 30, 2008:

- The ReUse Program was the recipient of the U.S. Local Business Association's 2008 Best of Minneapolis Award in the Building and Materials Category. It was also featured in national magazines as a model for the salvage industry. The Green Institute held the grand opening of the new Re-Use store in Maplewood.
- The Green Institute coordinates the Metro region of the statewide Clean Energy Resource Teams and is currently working with 18 communities to create and implement community based energy projects. The Green Institute published several editions of a feasibility study on a viable, clean biomass source to power Rochester, the largest recycling mill in the Upper Midwest and initiated an effort to increase the feasibility of taking household and commercial organic waste and, using anaerobic digestion, creating clean, community energy.
- The Phillips Eco-Enterprise Center was awarded an Energy Star designation in its tenth year of operation. A ten year retrospective was initiated to provide a definitive historical account of the building and to measure its performance against both original goals and today's pressing energy issues. Minnesota GreenStar, green building/remodeling standards designed specifically for cold climates, was launched as an independent non-profit.
- Gardening Matters, formerly Garden Works, organized the Community Garden Spring Resource Fair and the Parade of Community Gardens. This year, Gardening Matters also established itself as an independent non-profit in order to more aggressively address the demand for start-up community gardens, market garden growers and backyard food producers.

Our objectives are to:

Be a learning organization focused on core values, productive relationships, human and financial capital, clear communications, and the strategic use of resources tied to evaluation and outcomes.

Develop existing and emerging knowledge clusters within the organization and focus on these interrelated issues to help the region become more sustainable.

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The Green Institute's programs and initiatives include:

The ReUse Center and Deconstruction Services is a salvage enterprise. The program provides jobs and community benefits while diverting an estimated eight million pounds of building material from landfills every year. More than 75,000 annual customers find quality reclaimed material, including flooring, doors, windows and millwork, as well as new, green product lines, like locally-sourced sustainable wood and granite products.



The ReUse Center
Quality Reclaimed Building Materials



www.thereusecenter.com

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www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org



Community Energy supports local efforts to make a 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 renewable energy and energy conservation projects state-wide. Since 2007, The Green Institute has also coordinated the Twin Cities Metro region of the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs), which provides technical assistance and organizational support to citizen-based projects. The Green Institute also founded the Phillips Community Energy Cooperative, which provides energy services to Phillips residents.



In 1998, The Green Institute developed **The Phillips Eco-Enterprise Center**, the first speculatively-built green commercial building in the Upper Midwest and a pilot for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), a highly reputed national standard for sustainable building. The Green Institute partnered in the development and incubated Minnesota GreenStar Homes and Remodeling, a green building/remodeling standard and resource for building in cold climates.