

South St. Paul Sustainability Recognition Program

What is the South St. Paul Sustainability Recognition Program?

The South St. Paul Sustainability Recognition Program is an opportunity for residents, local organizations, and businesses to be celebrated for their efforts related to sustainability. The program was created in 2024 at the direction of the Sustainability Task Force.

Award Eligibility

- Any individual, non-profit, school, or company that is located in South St. Paul is eligible to be nominated for a program or initiative they have taken that falls within one of the three award categories.
- A nominee may be nominated for multiple categories.
- The sustainability program or initiative must have been implemented in South St. Paul.
- Past award-winning properties can only be nominated if new, eligible improvements have been made.

Nomination and Award Process

- Nominations may be made by persons or organizations on behalf of themselves or others, with the nomination period opening in August.
- Nominators do not need to be South St. Paul residents.
- Nominations will be reviewed by the Sustainability Task Force.
- The number of awards each year will depend on the number of nominees.
- Both award recipients and their nominators will be notified in October.
- Award recipients will receive formal recognition at a South St. Paul City Council meeting in November.

Nomination/Award Categories

- Energy
 - Example projects: installing solar panels or solar-powered lighting, installing a geothermal system or completing an energy-efficiency project such as attic insulation. Window replacement projects would not be considered an energy efficiency project.
- Landscaping
 - Example projects: creating a native planting area, creating a pollinator-friendly garden, swapping traditional grass for low/no-mow grass or creating a rain garden.
- Waste Reduction
 - Example projects: food waste reduction initiatives, local composting initiatives, unique reuse or recycling of construction materials.

Supporting Documentation

Photos, write ups or other additional documentation should be submitted to support the nomination. Please include them with the completed nomination form. Documents can be mailed or emailed in with the completed nomination form.

Submittal Information

Applications will be accepted through October 1, 2025. Applications may be submitted in-person at City Hall, by mail to the address below or by email to mmiller@southstpaul.org.

Attn: Monika Miller
City of South St. Paul
125 3rd Avenue North
South St. Paul, MN 55075

South St. Paul Sustainability Recognition Program Nomination Form

Name of Property Owner, Organization or Business Being Nominated	
Nominee's Address	
Nominee's Email	
Nominator's Name and Email	
Award Category (Energy, Landscaping, Waste)	
Project/Program/ Initiative Description	
Why are you nominating this person, organization or business for the South St. Paul Sustainability Recognition Award? Please explain eligible projects or initiatives the nominee has completed.	