

50 new trees take root in North Minneapolis

To beautify North Minneapolis and start building momentum for a [North Minneapolis Greenway](#), volunteers gathered in early October to plant 50 new trees at North Commons Park and the adjacent North Community YMCA. Officials from the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park Board were also on hand.

The tree planting was organized by [Twin Cities Greenways](#) (TCG), and funded in part by a \$10,000 grant through the *Healthy and Efficient Neighborhood Homes Partnership*, a project of the Home Depot Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). Support for equipment and refreshments for the volunteers was provided by Phillips Garden, The Toro Company, and the Pohlad Family Foundation.

Twin Cities Greenways is an exciting grass-roots project promoting the construction of Greenway quality trails that provide fast, safe, and pleasant biking along several new corridors. Modeled after the Midtown Greenway and Historic Milwaukee Avenue in South Minneapolis, TCG wants to create a more comprehensive system of bike trails that would make it easier for North Side residents to pursue healthier lifestyles, use alternative forms of transportation, and better access regional parks, transportation infrastructure, and economic opportunities.

"We've gotten a lot of feedback from people who would like to see a Greenway in North Minneapolis," says Matthew Hendricks, board president of Twin Cities Greenways, "and that enthusiasm was obvious at the Tree Planting event. Our next step will be to work with a consultant who will meet with residents and community leaders to explore where a Greenway would be most successful, and what designs are most attractive to local residents."

