

**University City**

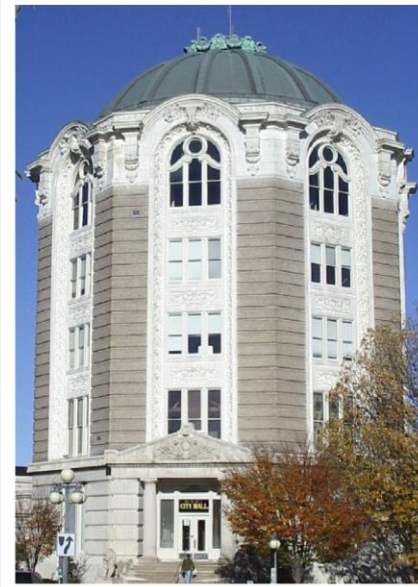
## **Green Practices Commission**

The Green Practices Commission was formed to help University City residents, businesses, schools and other community institutions reduce their carbon footprints and increase green practices.

Made up of an impressive list of community leaders with backgrounds in engineering, science, architecture and sustainability, the Green Practices Commission's primary responsibilities include:

- Acting in an advisory capacity to the University City Council in regards to all development projects and initiatives.
- Establishing and prioritizing sustainability goals and tracking their progress.
- Encouraging recycling, composting and other sustainable practices that help improve the quality of life in University City, protect and restore its natural resources and strengthen its economy.

*Our vision for University City is to have a fully-engaged community — including city government, citizens, students, business owners and patrons — that integrates sustainability into every decision made and every action taken.*



In 2008, University City's City Hall became the first municipal building in the St. Louis region to receive Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

### Green Practices Commission Meeting Schedule

City Hall - EOC Room, Basement Level  
6801 Delmar Blvd  
University City, MO 63130

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.



**University City  
Green Practices Commission**

**Continuing the Legacy of  
Sustainability & Green  
Practices**

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# 7 Focus Areas of UCity Sustainability

## • Ecosystems & Habitat

Use local expertise to evaluate and restore natural habitats and provide environmental education to the public.

## • Green Buildings

Incorporate a Green Building Code for University City, using rating systems such as LEED and Energy Star to improve the sustainable maintenance and operations of existing buildings.

## • Air Quality & Transportation

Develop strategies to improve air quality and reduce carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emission from vehicles.

## • Waste & Resource Conservation

Implement action steps to reduce the City's commercial and residential waste, as well as improve individual and business participation in recycling and composting practices.

## • Land Use, Open Space & Parks

Use comprehensive planning and zoning ordinances, along with design standards, to enhance and improve land use and open spaces in University City.

## • Energy

Reduce energy use, use energy efficient vehicles and renewable energy and create strategies to reduce the carbon footprint for University City and its residential and commercial areas.

## • Water & Storm Water

Concentrate on the River des Peres' three branches that flow through University City. Address issues with storm water runoff and flooding. Develop strategies to decrease potable water use.

# Green Tips for Everyone

## Reduce – Reuse – Recycle

University City is home to the oldest community-wide recycling program in the country, starting with the first citywide residential curbside newspaper collection program in 1974.

Make it a part of your everyday routine to dispose of all recyclable materials in a single-stream recycling bin.

(For a list of items you can recycle, visit [www.ucitymo.org](http://www.ucitymo.org).)

## Switch

Install energy efficient LED or compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) in all your lamps and lighting fixtures. These energy efficient bulbs use 75-90% less electricity than traditional bulbs and can last 10 to 50 times longer.

## Double Up

Only print documents when necessary, print double-sided, reuse paper as note or draft paper and recycle discarded paper. It's something University City government offices have been doing since 2009 ...saving money and trees.

## Get Involved

Share your ideas and take an active role in helping to make University City a greener, healthier place to live, work and play by joining a Green Practices subcommittee. For more information, call 314-505-8560.