2,800 Volunteers

2,200 Acres Restored
urban parks, wildlife and pollinator habitats, shorelines, prairies and forests.

24,500 Native Plants
planted throughout the state, including shorelines along Sand Creek and the Minnesota River, a park in Watertown park and a nature center in St. Louis Park.

Earth Day with 320 volunteers, a midwinter buckthorn burn in Lindstrom, pollinator surveys, and Maplewood’s Fish Creek Open Space Grand Opening.

1,150 kids and teens inspired to care for our precious natural world
In 22 years, Great River Greening has worked alongside 42,000 volunteers to restore 20,000 acres on more the 350 sites throughout Minnesota, to improve, restore and care for our natural heritage.

In Fall 2017, **Maplewood’s Fish Creek Natural Area** held the grand opening of a trail, five years in the making, that connects other trails from St. Paul to Woodbury. Great River Greening began working with the city in 2012, to restore health and habitat diversity to this 70-acre forest that opens to scenic views from a bluff. This is an important parcel, adjacent to a 142-acre natural area that makes up one of the last wild places in the Mississippi wildlife migration corridor, and an international flyway. More than 700 volunteers have pulled buckthorn and planted wildflowers at Fish Creek.

**Other highlights in 2017**

- Began an oak savanna restoration in the Bridgeview Park Reserve, a 29-acre public park with Mississippi River shoreline a rare, nearly undisturbed pre-European plant community.
- Began assessing watershed conditions and identifying possible impairments in Deer Lake, in Itasca County and the Mississippi Headwaters region. Met with longtime partners and new alliances to expand programs in Nicollet County along the Minnesota River, as well as around the St. Cloud area, starting with Camp Ripley. Launched collaborative work with farmers in the Cannon River Watershed.
- Received support from The Patrick and Aimee Butler Family Foundation to create a sustainable future for pollinator habitat restoration and conservation by creating local sources of genetically appropriate seed.
In the News

Grow with KARE host Bobby Jensen interviewed GRG Project Manager Wiley Buck about our Million Milkweed Challenge, a two-year volunteer seed collection, which far exceeded the goal (1.8 million seeds).

KARE 11 Saturday did a live broadcast of our Earth Day event along Bushaway Road in Wayzata, where 350 volunteers planted nearly 2,000 trees, shrubs, and wildflowers.

The Star Tribune and the Pioneer Press reported on Pilot Knob in Mendota earning a spot on National Register of Historic Places. When the City of Mendota Heights purchased Pilot Knob in 2005, the land was severely degraded. Great River Greening was brought in to restore its native Oak Savanna habitat. Since then, more than 2,000 volunteers have helped us transform the land.

For other stories see greatrivergreening.org/news

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11th Annual +
FEATURING: Hubert Joly, CEO, Best Buy + McNamara Alumni Center, Minneapolis
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Revenue
Public Support 770,810
Government grants and contracts 1,467,522
Program service fees 286,548
Special events 110,538
Other income and in-kind 2,041
Total 2,637,459

Expenses
Program services 2,064,910
Management and general 168,041
Fundraising 117,944
Total: 2,350,895

Assets & Liabilities
Total Assets 1,438,476
Total liabilities 466,403
Total Net Assets 972,073

Program Services: 88%
Fundraising: 5%
General: 7%
Thank you!

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