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Minnesota Green Communities is excited to announce its second annual conference, **Green by Design: How to plan and build healthy, sustainable affordable housing and communities in Minnesota.** This conference will be held May 16 and 17, 2007 at The Depot in Minneapolis. We are honored to announce Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Xavier Bonnefoy as our keynote speakers.

We are currently securing sponsors and exhibitors for this statewide conference, and would be delighted to have your firm join us. This year's Green by Design conference is a great opportunity to have your organization affiliated with green building practices. With rising housing and energy costs, the interest in creating sustainable, energy-efficient affordable housing is at a new high. Green building has received extensive media attention, and is emerging as a major consideration in discussions of affordable housing throughout Minnesota.

Last year's conference was extremely well received and was attended by more than 200 builders, architects, policy makers, environmentalists, city planners, and more. We are expecting an even larger crowd this year, with two full days dedicated to best building and design practices, healthy homes and communities, and excellent presentations by nationally recognized speakers. *Learn more at www.greencommunitiesonline.org/minnesota.*

We hope that you will join us at the Green by Design conference. Attached is a sheet detailing levels and benefits. This year we are also offering opportunities for exclusive sponsorship, such as sponsoring a keynote speaker or a specialized track. Due to limited exhibitor space, we anticipate sponsorships to fill quickly.

If you are interested in sponsoring or exhibiting Green by Design, please contact me at 651-221-1997, ext. 119 or Shawna Nelsen at the Family Housing Fund at 612-375-9644, ext 13. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janne Flisrand".

Janne Flisrand
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