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How to plan and build healthy, sustainable affordable housing and communities in Minnesota

About the Venue

The Depot • Minneapolis, Minnesota

While planning for the conference, Minnesota Green Communities looked for a venue that would be consistent with the green message of the event. We chose The Depot for several reasons. As an adaptive-reuse development, The Depot preserved a building no longer in use, extended the useful life of the structure, maintained a walkable streetscape, and avoided the creation of waste from demolition and construction and the energy consumption of making new materials for a new building.

Located in downtown Minneapolis, The Depot also allows the greatest number of participants to choose to arrive without cars, perhaps parking at a suburban park-and-ride, taking a local bus, biking in on the trail by the Mississippi River, or taking the Hiawatha Light Rail.

Additionally, with the assistance of The Depot and Renewing the Countryside, locally-produced food is being incorporated into our conference menu, reducing transportation energy while supporting our farming community. Furthermore, Minnesota Green Communities and The Depot are partnering with Second Harvest to ensure that leftover food is being taken to a local shelter so that food is not wasted.

About The Depot

For nearly seven decades, family members and loved ones stood at the atrium of the Depot and waved to passengers boarding the trains of the Milwaukee Road line. The Depot was a hub of activity during the late 1800s, and at the peak of activity in 1920, the prosperous Depot bustled with 29 trains departing daily. While the last train left in 1971, the Depot still stands as a monument to the classic travel experience.

Today, the fully renovated Milwaukee Road Depot has re-opened its doors enhancing the revitalization movement of Minneapolis' Riverfront District. This downtown hospitality venue boasts two award-winning Marriott hotels (soon to be upgraded to a Renaissance Hotel), a 15,000 square foot indoor water-park, a full service bar and restaurant, a variety of unique banquet and meeting spaces, heated underground parking, and an enclosed, seasonal ice skating rink.

Nestled between the historic Riverfront and Mill Districts, The Depot is walking distance from the Metrodome, downtown shopping and nightlife, the Mississippi River, St. Anthony Main, the Hiawatha Light Rail, and many other popular local venues and attractions.

For more information:

The Depot www.TheDepotMinneapolis.com.

Renewing the Countryside www.renewingthecountryside.org

Second Harvest www.secondharvest.org



www.greencommunitiesonline.org/minnesota

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