

MIDTOWN GREENWAY COALITION
RESOLUTION ON THE USE OF
NATIVE PLANTS IN THE MIDTOWN GREENWAY
Sept. 2, 2003

WHEREAS, the extent and type of native vegetation in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area is well-documented in the pre-settlement 1847-1856 Public Land Survey;

WHEREAS, the continuous alteration of land since the Public Land Survey has depleted 93% of the original native vegetation land-cover in the Twin Cities;

WHEREAS, restoring native vegetation to the Midtown Greenway will help preserve Minnesota's native plant heritage, and provide an environment that attracts native birds, butterflies and other wildlife;

WHEREAS, there is a broad array of attractive, colorful native plants that are suitable for the wide range of landscape conditions along the Greenway, and a concerted community effort to take advantage of these highly sustainable native plants will serve to enhance the Midtown Greenway experience with a unifying landscape theme;

WHEREAS, the experience and enjoyment communities will gain from planting native vegetation in the Greenway may serve to inspire others to use native plants in adjacent and connecting neighborhoods;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT...

- 1) the Midtown Greenway Coalition advocates that neighborhood or community groups consider using Twin Cities native plant options for proposed plantings along the Greenway;
- 2) that all plantings utilize ecological design principles as explained in the Midtown Greenway Coalition Greenspace Vision document;
- 3) that the Midtown Greenway Coalition make resources available on landscaping with native plants for those interested in "greening" the Greenway;
- 4) that the Midtown Greenway Coalition forms a volunteer Native Plant Advisory Team to offer advice on an as-needed basis to those planning to join in this community effort to establish, maintain and restore native plants along the Greenway.