



Downtown
Improvement
District

2024 Greening Projects

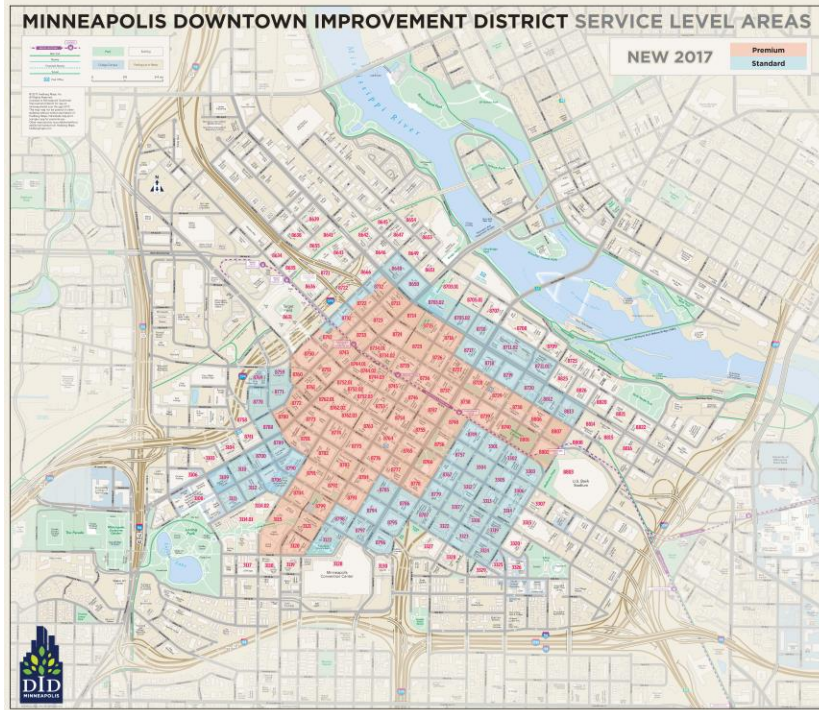
DID Sustainable Greening Team

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Mpls DID | Mission



- Since 2009, our mission has been to create a clean, green, safe, and vibrant downtown.
- Our greening program started with annuals in movable planters and irrigated planting beds on Nicollet Mall
- Since 2013, this program has grown to support urban tree canopy growth and green infrastructure

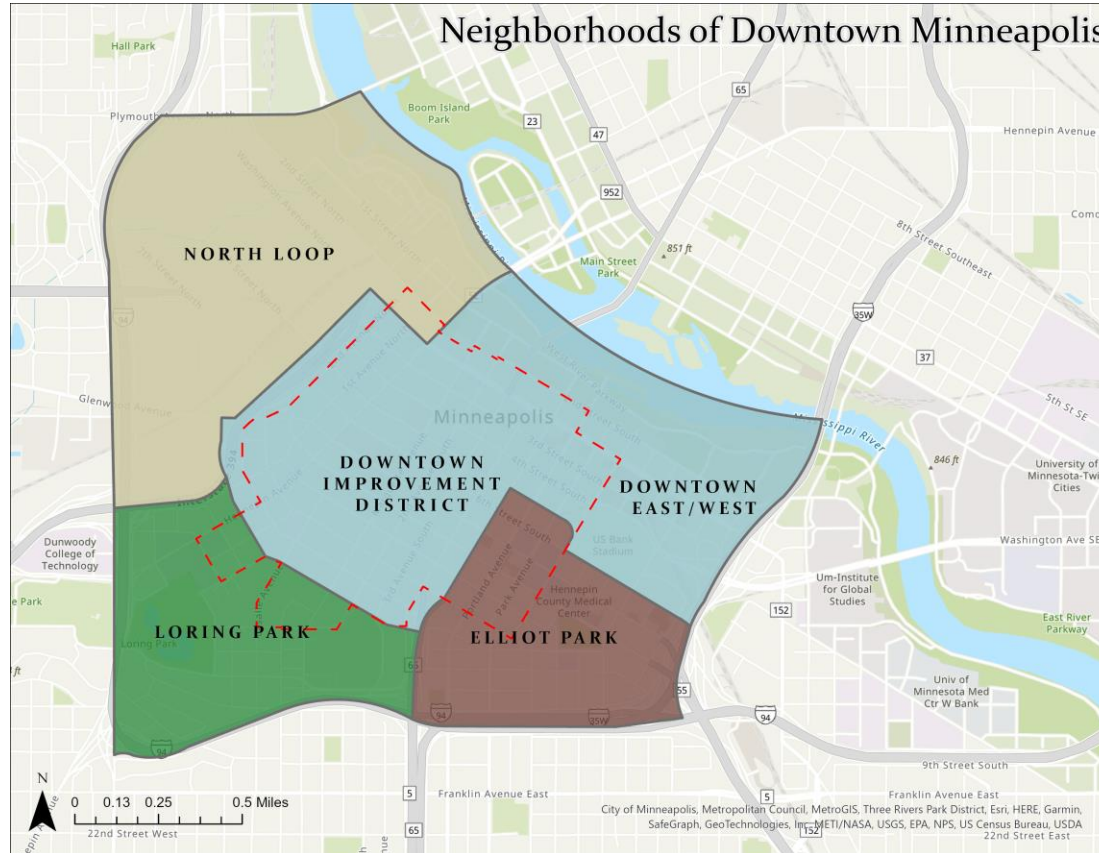
Our sustainable greening goals

- **Goal:** Foster community engagement and stewardship of green infrastructure
- **Strategies:** Build and grow relationships with partners
- Offer resources and ideas for partners to feel supported in their greening work

- **Goal:** Grow tree canopy
- **Strategies:** Advocate for better infrastructure for trees (during street reconstructions)
- Get water to trees in their root establishment period
- Build our DID team working on tree canopy in creative ways

- **Goal:** Pursue environmental justice
- **Strategy:** Expand tree planting and watering efforts with grant funding

DID + DMNA: We're neighbors!



DID + DMNA Greening Work: Service Saturday



Increased attendance

2022



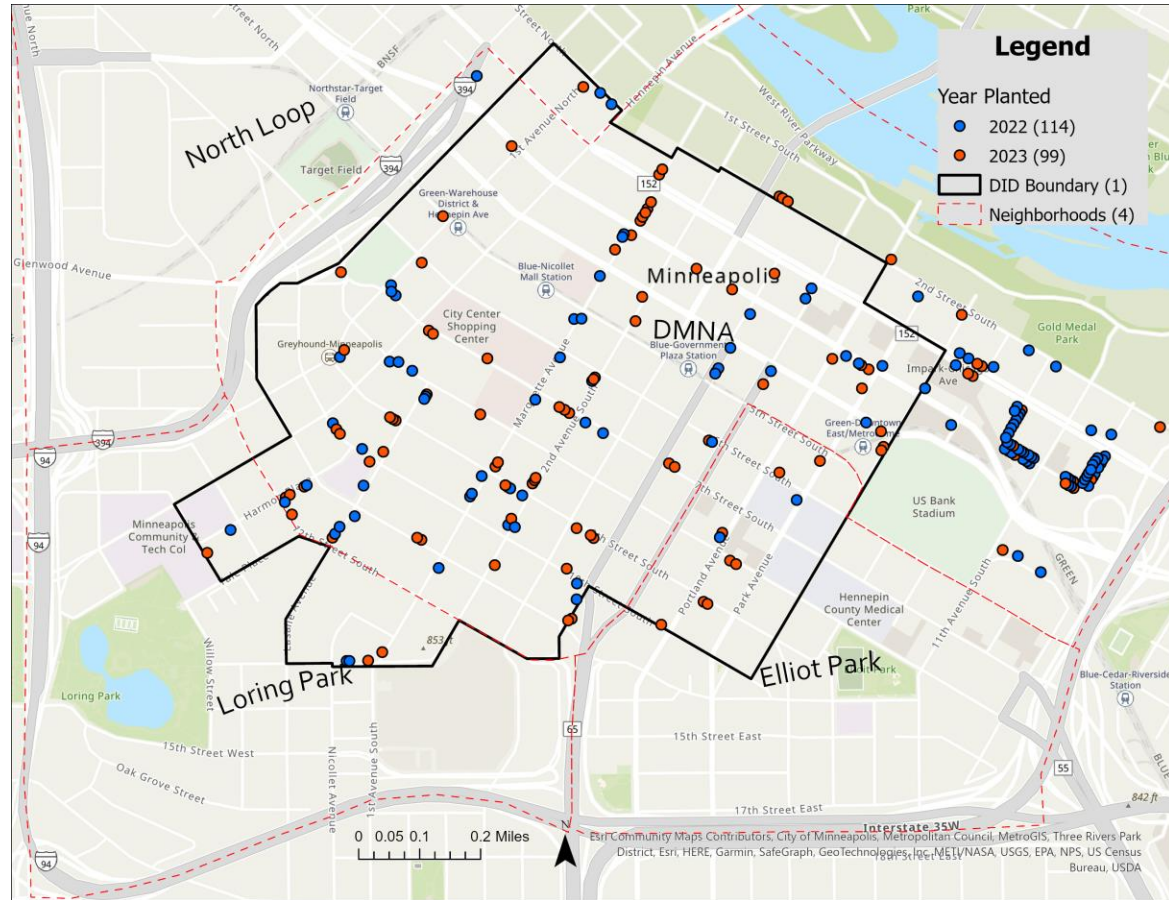
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DID + DMNA Greening Work: Watering Trees

- Since 2017, DMNA has contributed \$10k each year to water trees in DID + DMNA boundaries
- The DID contracts with tree care company to fill water bags weekly, except for weeks with more than one inch of rain
- ~ \$30,000 to water ~200 trees from May to October
 - \$9/tree; \$2/tree to remove water bags for winter and transport to MPRB
- Watering crew reports dead or dying trees so MPRB can inspect trees sooner

Trees watered through our partnership

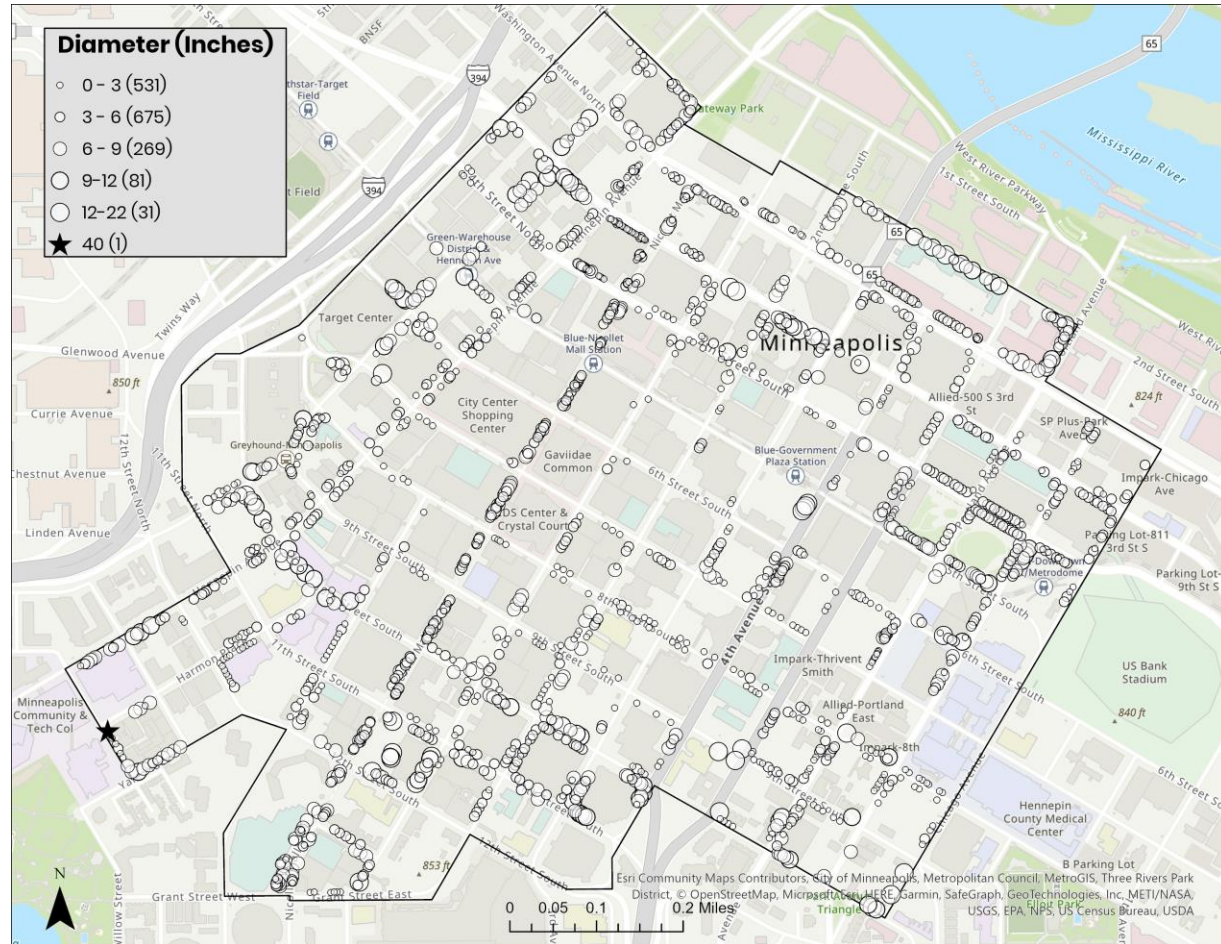


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Tree watering in other neighborhoods

- North Loop: Combination of adopting trees and paying tree care company
 - Lead volunteer who coordinates with property owners and residents to adopt newly planted trees; then coordinates with DID to pay for tree care company watering on an as-needed basis
 - With a lower budget, they have access to our vendor (& our pricing – \$9 per instead of \$20 per tree) on as-needed basis
- Elliot Park: Hennepin County environmental justice grant
- Loring Park: Adopting trees (in discussion)

Trees by size



Discussion / Questions

Further questions?

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