

# ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT

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## **East St. Louis URP**

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The Partnership advocates and assists community-based action through local partnerships to enhance, restore, and sustain urban ecosystems in the East St. Louis Metropolitan Area. These actions contribute to the improvement of the social, economic, and physical health of the residents and their natural environment.

### **East St. Louis URP natural resources goals:**

- Emphasize use of local resources and partnerships to meet project goals.
- Manage urban ecosystems to protect, restore, enhance, create, and sustain floodplains, wetlands, forests, and green lands.
- Create job opportunities and sustainable economic development related to natural resource opportunities.
- Provide information and technical assistance for urban community planning and environmental restoration efforts.
- Promote and improve urban ecosystem information and improve citizens' understanding of the urban environment and the relationships between their actions and their natural surroundings.

## **Accomplishments in 1998:**

### **Blooming Warriors**

The Blooming Warriors developed a second community garden with the assistance of neighbors and children of St. Joseph Garden. The children in the area wanted to make a difference in helping preserve the environment by planting trees to help beautify the community and promote cleaner air.

### **Neighbors Place Tree Planting/Beautification Initiative**

This is a tree planting project to beautify a new residential development (Neighbors Place) of single family homes in Centreville, Illinois. Ten trees will be planted along the streets, and a green space will be created on a corner lot.

### **Village in Transformation**

A program was established to maintain and protect the Village of Brooklyn's natural resources and to create career oriented employment training for project interns. Community sites will be enhanced by beautifying the streets, playgrounds, and public buildings and their grounds. These improvements are designed to increase small business development and community pride and to promote environmental change.