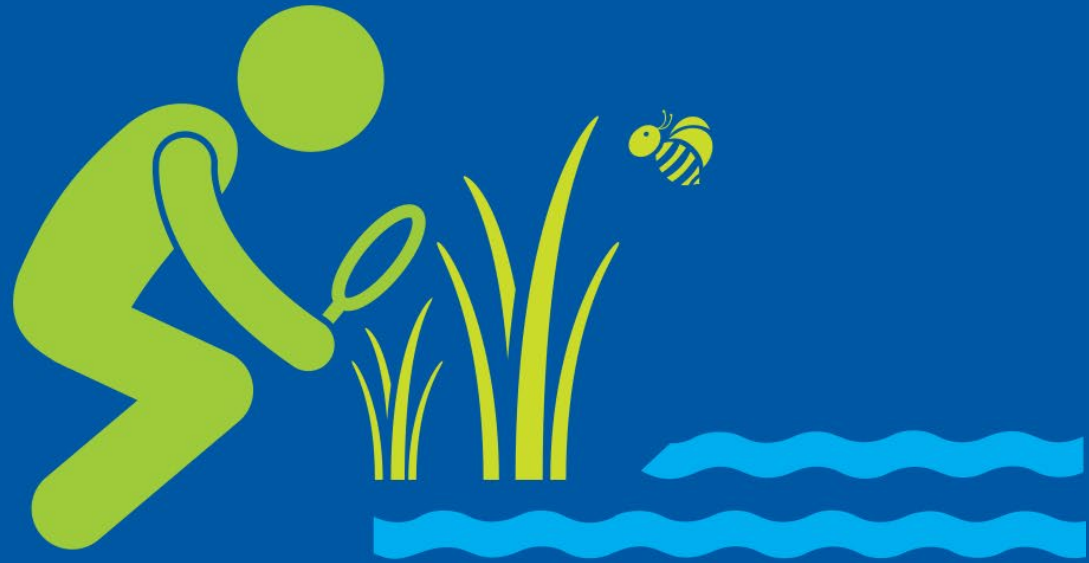


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Environmental education network

2022 highlight reel



Hennepin County Environmental education network

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Held four virtual network meetings in 2022

137

137 environmental educators attended virtual network meetings

192

The Facebook group grew to 192 members in 2022

5,735

The monthly newsletter, Environmental education news, has 5,735 subscribers



Hennepin County Master Gardeners

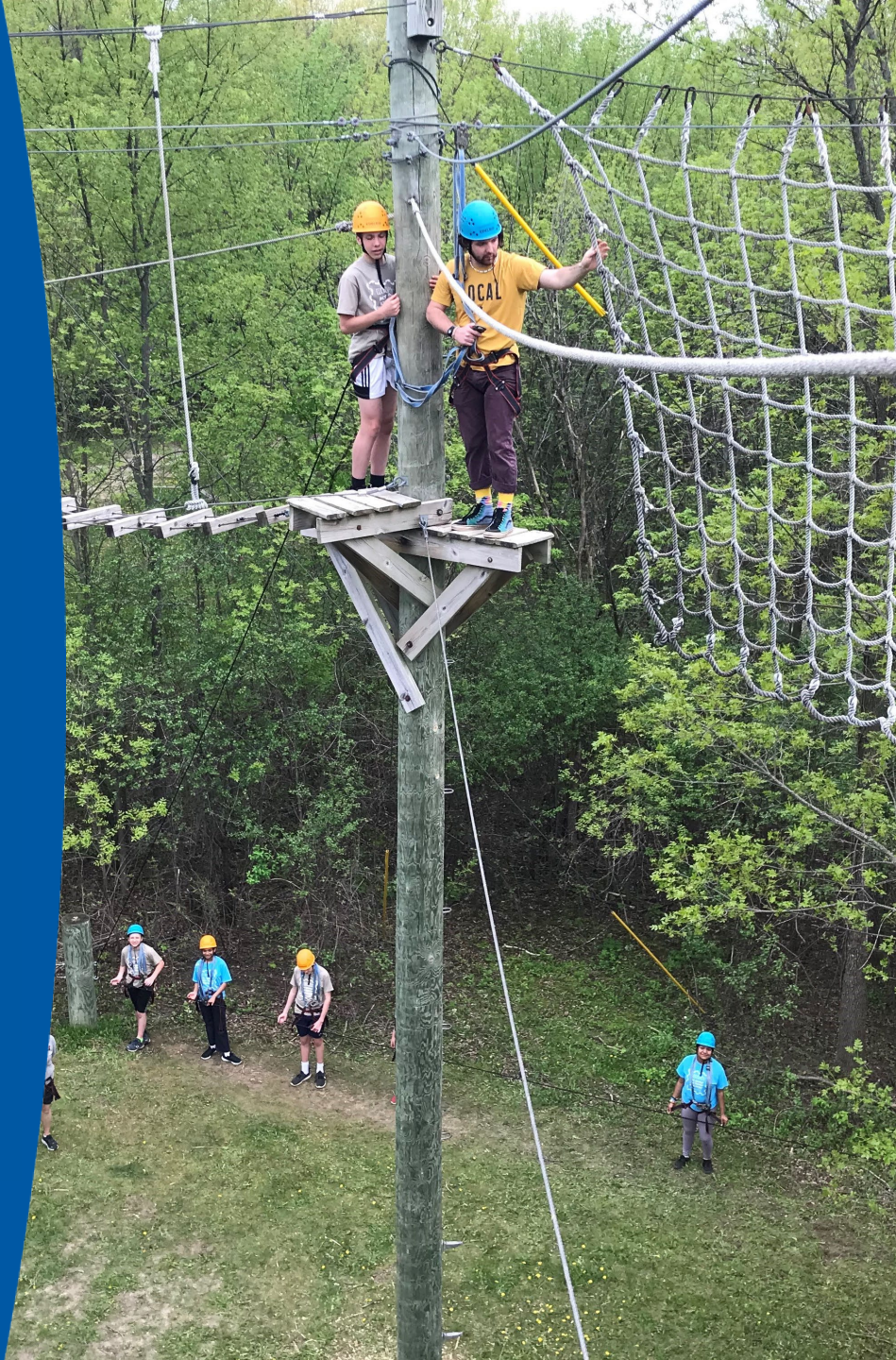
After a 2-year hiatus due to COVID, the Master Gardeners held their annual plant sale at the Hopkins Pavilion. Between 900 and 1000 people attended and all the plants were sold out!



YMCA Camp Ihduhapi

Left: Outdoor Learning Program high challenge course experience.

Right: Maple Syrup Festival this spring where families learned to identify and tap trees, taste maple treats, and observe our evaporating process with the assistance of a trained staff member.



Atlawns of
Richfield and
Bloomington

Buzz Fest showed that anyone can transform their yard into habitat that attracts birds, butterflies, bees, and insects. The event included presentations on habitat restoration, climate change, youth environmental action, native plants, and more.

September 24th, 2022

Buzz Fest

at Moir Park, Bloomington MN

Hennepin County Master Gardeners

Volunteer, Chidi Chidozie, immigrated from Nigeria. This summer Chidi started testing vegetables and herbs from around the world to see how they will do in our harsh (and short!) growing season. The hope is that people will eventually be able to grow their own “taste of home.”



YMCA Camp Ihduhapi

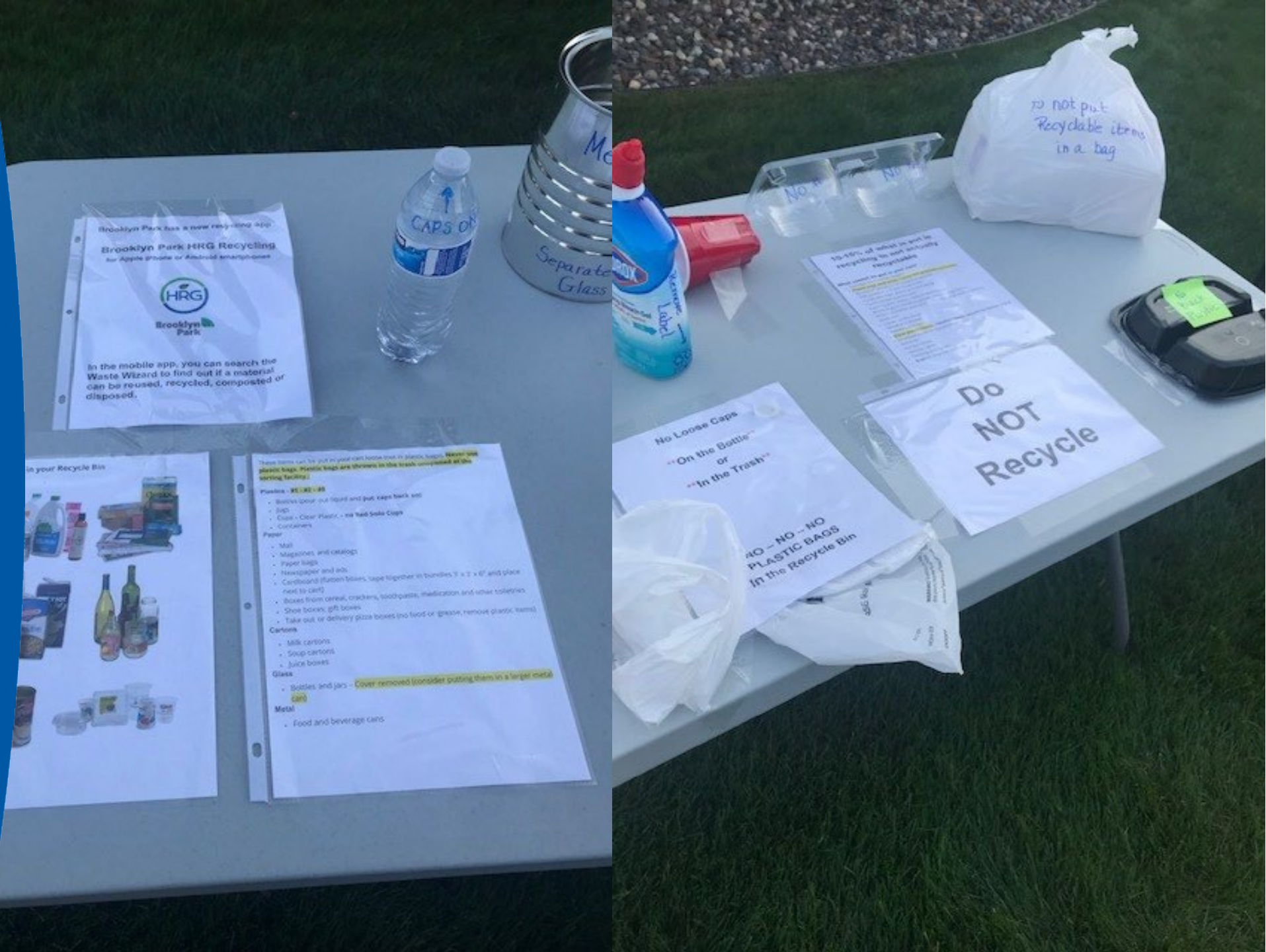
Top: Camp Ihduhapi's
Toboggan Hill was the source
of many exciting memories
this past winter.

Bottom: Fall team
enjoying a sunny day of canoeing
and watershed
investigation
training in early
September on Lake
Independence.



Master Recycler/Composter

MRC, Angela Karp, tabled at the Brooklyn Park neighborhood National Night Out and talked to people about potentially confusing recycling questions.



South Uptown Neighborhood Association

South Uptown
Neighborhood Association
offered free “starter kits” to
encourage neighbors to
recycle food scraps,
compostable products, and
other organic items



Project Sweetie Pie

Project Sweetie Pie celebrated the launch of the People's Garden Initiative to create a garden space and food forest. Several plum trees were planted as part of the event at the Celestial Garden in Minneapolis.



Hennepin County Master Gardeners

Partnering with Centro,
volunteer Tyrone Guzman
turned students into “tree
huggers” at a Nature Heals
class.



YMCA Camp Ihduhapi

A highlight for many of the elementary-aged groups visiting YMCA Camp Ihduhapi is playing an all-camp game of Predator & Prey! Groups model the behavior of animals as they search for food, water, and shelter resources across camp.



Rethos

Rethos hosted six free home weatherization and energy efficiency workshops this year. Workshops taught homeowners, renters, and caretakers of old buildings how to maximize energy efficiency in their residences, saving money and prolonging the life of their homes.



St. Louis Park Friends of the Arts

"Paint the Drain" is an environmental art project to raise awareness about water and the importance of protecting our lakes, rivers, and streams by keeping storm drains clean and free of garbage and debris.



Minneapolis Area Synod “EcoFaith Network”

Through a focused “Cut the Plastics” initiative over the last year, the Minneapolis Area Synod engaged 12 congregations in reducing the use of single-use plastics. Participants explored plastic waste issues for six weeks and practiced plastic reduction strategies at home.



Off the Blue Couch and Rusty & the Crew

Off the Blue Couch and Rusty & the Crew offered recycling workshops, waste station set-up, and community clean-up events in north Minneapolis. The training covered recycling and organics basics along with the connection to climate change and health disparities in BIPOC communities.



Gaia Democratic School

Gaia Democratic School hosted an event in February that focused on environmental and community education. The event featured an indigenous grains and waffle demonstration, talent show, meditation, and environmental education presentations by students.

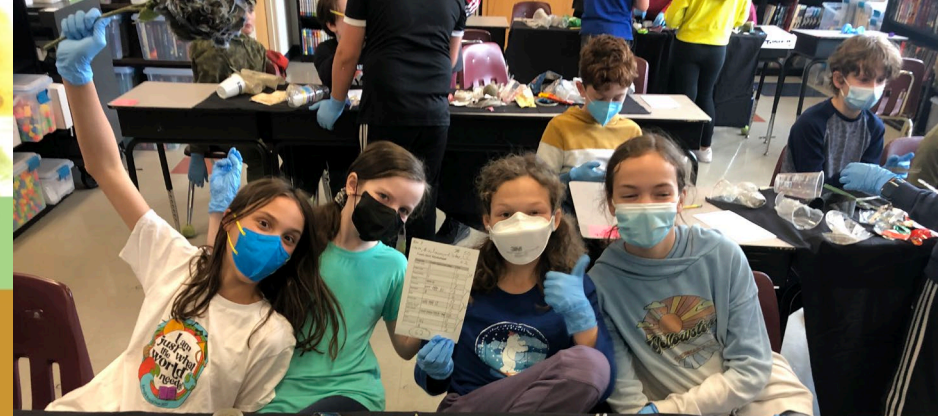


Highpoint Center for Printmaking

Highpoint Center for Printmaking invited the community to an afternoon of hands-on printmaking and creative fun. Participants created monotypes outdoors surrounded by Highpoint's rain gardens! The Free Ink Day included special guest: Erin Rupp of Pollinate MN!

FREE INK DAY

Watercolor Monotypes in the Rain Garden
Saturday, July 16 from 12-4pm
Highpoint Center for Printmaking



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church members passed out LED bulbs at Minnehaha Open Streets and at Longfellow High school to first time renters.



LED Lightbulbs use far less energy than regular "incandescent" bulbs

FREE! Take the survey!

A normal 60 watt incandescent lightbulb uses 60 watts.
A Energy Star LED "60 watt" equivalent uses 8 watts, lasts 7 years!

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You pay for the energy you use your electrical bill!
Fill out a survey, help Mother Earth!

