

CALL FOR DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

“St. Louis will be on the forefront of finding a sustainable solution to the issue of vacant land by creating an innovative competition that puts ideas into action.”

-**Hank Webber**, Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration, Washington University

COMPETITION AT-A-GLANCE

In a Sentence: Teams will propose innovative projects that transform vacant lots into assets that advance sustainability.

Duration: November 2, 2012 – April 11, 2013

Process: Assemble a team, select a vacant lot from six candidate sites, propose your vision

Submissions: Three rounds of deliverables of increasing detail

Awards: Two-year lease of a vacant lot and \$5,000 seed funding to implement project. Six project sites to choose from. Up to four awards will be granted.

Implementation: Winning teams will implement and maintain their projects as living laboratories, teaching tools, and regional sustainability assets for two years.

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OVERVIEW

The Sustainable Land Lab will be a living laboratory of two-year demonstration projects which will showcase innovative ideas and integrated strategies for transforming one of the St. Louis region's greatest challenges, vacant land, into an asset that advances sustainability. The Sustainable Land Lab will be initiated through a public competition launched November 2, 2012, as part of the Sustainable Cities Conference, hosted by Washington University in partnership with the City of St. Louis. Teams will compete for the opportunity to demonstrate their ideas through tangible projects at the scale of a single vacant lot.

The Sustainable Land Lab's demonstration projects will each consist of integrated strategies for urban sustainability issues, such as: Power generation, site remediation, storm water management, economic development, food systems, art, community engagement, and habitat creation. In this inaugural year of the competition, Old North St. Louis will serve as the pilot neighborhood for the Sustainable Land Lab. Teams will have the opportunity to select their project site from six available lots located in close proximity to one another within or directly adjacent to the Crown Square redevelopment. Up to four demonstration projects will be chosen to receive a two-year lot lease and a \$5,000 grant toward project implementation.

GOALS

- **Raise awareness and foster public dialogue** about the challenges and opportunities of vacant land, and reimagining it as a regional asset
- **Spur innovative and replicable ideas** for using vacant land to advance environmental, social, and economic sustainability
- **Create tangible demonstration projects** that:
 - showcase interim and/or potential long-term uses of vacant lots
 - provide ongoing opportunities for public education
 - provide opportunities for data collection and observation of the impact of the solutions
- **Build on and catalyze** further neighborhood revitalization efforts in and around the project area
- **Spark increased demand** for creative, smart, and sustainable uses of under-utilized land in other neighborhoods

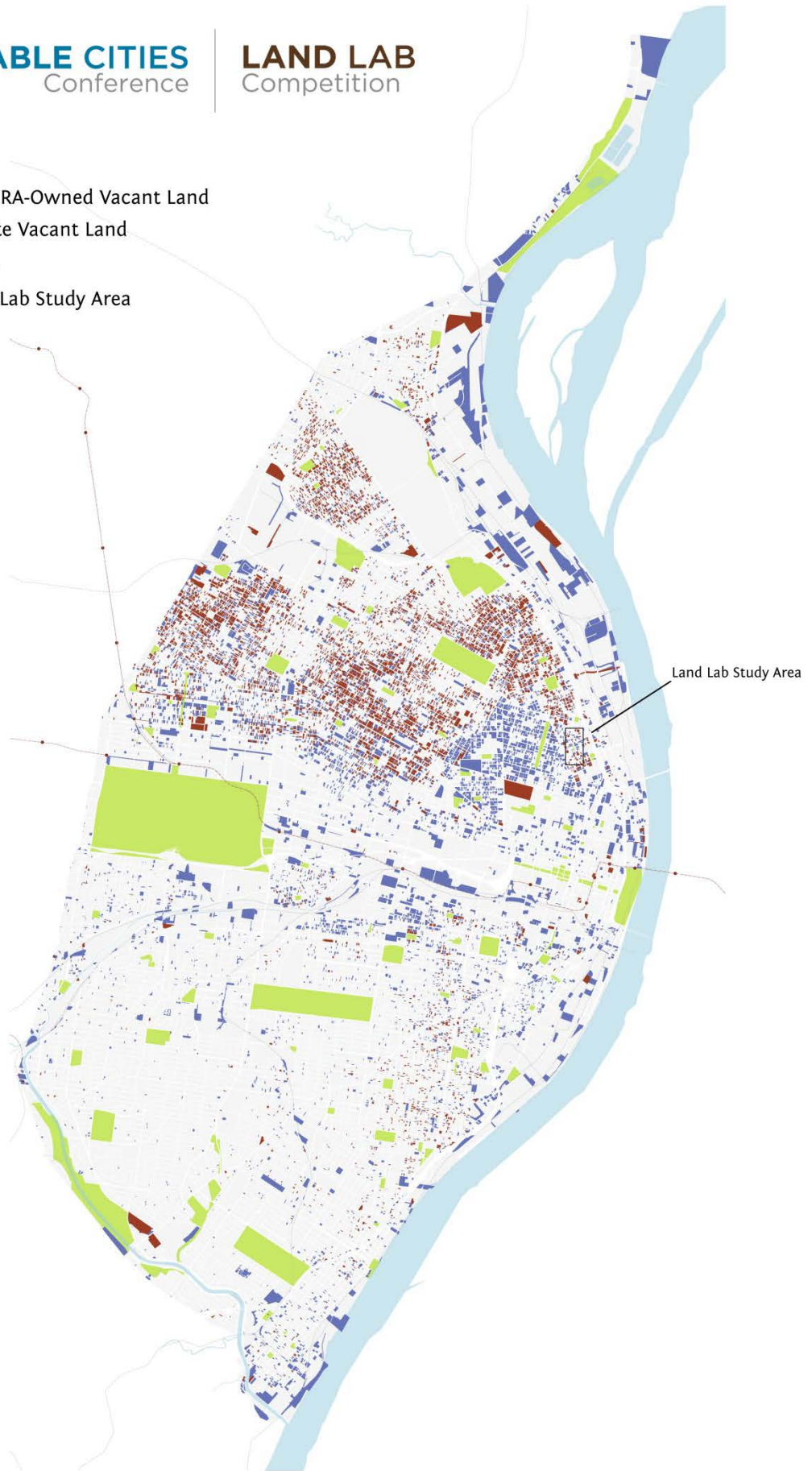
CONTEXT

The City of St. Louis estimates more than 10,000 vacant parcels have come into its ownership through tax foreclosure – and nearly 20 percent of all property within city limits is vacant. Approximately 8,000 of the City-owned parcels are vacant lots without any structures. The map on the following page illustrates the extent of the vacant land challenge in the City of St. Louis. Concentrations of vacant and/or underutilized land are closely interrelated with detrimental social, economic, and environmental impacts, including depressed property values, high prevalence of crime, environmental hazards, and additional disinvestment. All of these outgrowths of abandonment raise costs for local and regional governments and weaken our ability to attract and retain businesses and residents in our area. The vast number of vacant lots, buildings, and commercial areas in the St. Louis region is a compelling indicator suggesting a need to embrace additional and alternative approaches to urban land use.

While there aren't any quick solutions to such a multi-faceted issue, case studies across the U.S. show that a shift in public thinking and policy around the highest and best use of these properties presents a major opportunity for innovation. Repurposing vacant land for environmentally, socially, and/or economically productive uses, whether interim or long-term, can have transformative impacts on the health and vitality of neighborhoods, the City, and the region.

KEY

- City LRA-Owned Vacant Land
- Private Vacant Land
- Parks
- Land Lab Study Area



COMPETITION SCHEDULE

November 2

Public Kick-Off: Opening event at [CAM](#), 6:30 – 9:00 pm

December 10

First Round Submissions Due: First round submissions include 2-page overview of concept and team qualifications, optional single 8.5x11 format image or 3-minute video

December 17

First Round Announcement: Up to 15 teams

January 12

Second Round Charrette: Mandatory charrette and site visit in Old North St. Louis

January 28

Second Round Submissions Due: Second round submissions include concept board and tentative implementation plan, optional 3-minute video

February 1 - 28

Public Exhibition: A selection of first round ideas and all second round submissions available for public viewing at the [Old North St. Louis Restoration Group](#) gallery

February 19

Second Round Announcement: Up to 8 teams

March 18

Final Submissions Due: Final concept board including site plan, implementation/maintenance plan, and 2-year project budget

April 4

Final Jury Review: Teams present Pecha Kucha style presentation to jury at reception (not open to the public)

April 8

Announcement: Winning teams informed of results (up to four teams)

April 11

Final Event: Winning teams present concepts to public

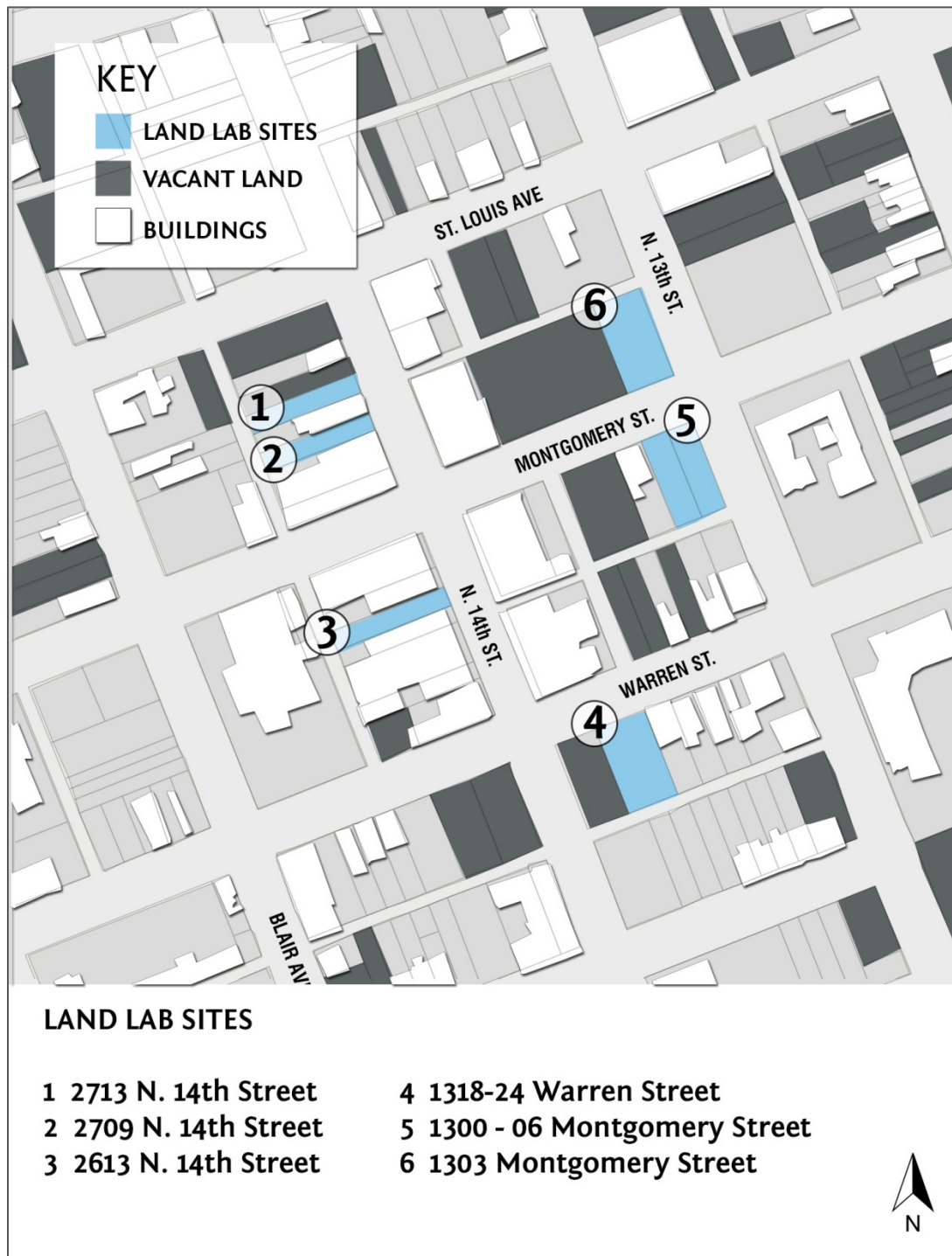
April 28

Ground-Breaking Ceremony: Community event in Old North St. Louis

SITES

Participants in the Land Lab Competition must select one of six available lots within the Crown Village development area in the Old North St. Louis neighborhood for their proposed demonstration project. Two-year leases will be awarded for up to four of the total six lots. **Submissions must indicate which lot is desired for the project demonstration as part of the team's registration.**

See map below of available lots.



LOT 1. 2713 North 14th Street



View looking west

[Link to Google Street View of 2713 N 14th Street](#)

Dimensions: 24 FT X 140 FT

Description: This lot has a parking pad at the rear that will remain. There is an opportunity for interaction with the exterior wall of the adjacent building at 2711 N 14th St.

History: This building was a one story non-descript commercial space. The building was demolished in 2008. Tenants over the years included Schneider Brothers Shoes, Diane Shoe Store, Book Discount Store, Chas A. Cooke, Dentist, Stumpf Drugs, Howard Marshall Drugs, Zollie Gellie Drugs, Movieland Frock Shop, Mode O'Day Frock Shop, Chas A. Cooke Optometrist, and White Way Jewelers.

Today's Context: The adjacent building to the south houses three apartment units. There are no entries from the building onto the lot, but there are two upstairs windows overlooking the lot.

The adjacent empty lot to the north at 2715 is privately owned by individuals who do not live in the neighborhood. When or if they will ever pursue use of the lot is unknown, although the lot has been unutilized for the past 8-10 years.

North of the vacant lot at 2715 is a building that has an apartment upstairs with a covered porch that overlooks the 2 empty lots. The ground floor storefront is a retail business, Therapy Boutique, a women's clothing and accessories store.

LOT 2. 2709 North 14th Street



View looking west

[Link to Google Street View of 2709 N 14th Street](#)

Dimensions: 24 FT X 140 FT

Description: This is a small lot that has several building entrances and pedestrian walkways interacting with the site. No access can be blocked, but there is an opportunity to weave the project through the existing public realm of the site.

History: This building was a commercial and residential building demolished in 1992. Tenants and owners included Heppler Bakery, Walgreen Co. Inc, Thrifty Drug Co., Gasen Drug Store, Charles Drug Co., Sun Drug Co., Sosnoff Drugs, Kitty Kelly Dress Shop, Shopper's Haven Discount, Smith Owen photo, and Mar-Cele Beauty Shop.

Today's Context: The adjacent 1-story building to the south currently houses apartments at the rear, including one unit that opens onto the lot, with a very small concrete pad for a private mini-patio. The front portion of this building has two entrances with its main entrance on the street and a side door opening into the lot directly adjacent to the apartment side door. The storefront is a satellite for St. Louis ArtWorks, which runs a youth arts apprenticeship program there during the summer months and during after-school hours in the academic year.

The building to the north of the lot houses three apartment units. The main entrance to all of these units is through a door that opens onto the lot.

LOT 3. 2613 North 14th Street



View looking west

[Link to Google Street View of 2613 N 14th Street](#)

Dimensions: 24 FT X 140 FT

Description: This is a gravel lot with a parking pad in the rear. Parking pad will remain in place. Opportunity for use of the brick and plaster wall adjacent to the building at 2611 N 14th Street that remains from the building that was demolished.

History: Originally a two-story brick store built in the late 1920s, the building was reduced to one-story and severely altered on the exterior and interior in the 1940s and 1950s until being substantially rebuilt in the 1960s. The primary façade had a wide metal garage bay that opened to the building; above was a stepped parapet – the only architectural detail present on the building. The rear elevation was rebuilt incorporating older windows, perhaps from the original building. The building did not relate to the architecture or the history of the District, it did not retain any integrity or any significance, and was demolished in 2008 after many years of vacancy. The building housed several businesses including Thrift Hosiery Store, Nine Cent Shoe Store, and Hupert Dry Goods.

Today's Context: The building to the south of this lot houses an occupied apartment upstairs and Rambles Gift Gallery & Boutique on the first floor. The owner of this store has expressed interest in having occasional events in the lot at 2613 to highlight some of the artists or craftspeople featured in the store and has also expressed interest in using the space for outdoor seating. The building to the north houses an apartment upstairs and Headhunters Barber and Beauty shop on the first floor. Occasionally the gravel lot is used for parking, which the neighborhood does not feel is the highest and best use of the space.

LOT 4. 1318-24 Warren Street



View looking south

[Link to Google Street View of 1318-24 Warren Street](#)

Dimensions: 65 FT X 112 FT 6 IN

Description: This is a large grassy lot situated between an apartment building with a six foot wood privacy fence on the east side and another grassy lot on the west side. Two utility poles are located on the lot with multiple utility lines traversing the lot.

History: This lot formerly contained a row of residential buildings. The buildings were demolished many years ago.

Today's Context: This lot is immediately to the west of a residential building at 1314 Warren that houses two apartments.

The empty lots to the west are owned by Northside Regeneration. There are no immediate known plans for these lots.

This lot is across Warren from the side of a large mixed-use building, with multiple residential apartments on the 2nd and 3rd floors with windows that look out onto the empty lot.

LOT 5. 1300-06 Montgomery Street



View looking east

[Link to Google Street View of 1300-06 Montgomery Street](#)

Dimensions: 67 FT 7 IN* X 112 FT 6 IN

Description: This is a large grassy lot bordered on the west by an apartment building and a six foot wood privacy fence. There is a large tree along Montgomery. There are no sidewalks on this lot despite a fair amount of foot traffic.

**This lot is comprised of two smaller lots of approximately 30 FT X 112 FT. For the purpose of the competition; it will be leased as a single site.*

History: This lot formerly contained a row of residential buildings. The buildings have long since been demolished.

Today's Context: This large, grassy lot is immediately to the east of the apartment building at 1308 Montgomery. It is across the street from 1303 Montgomery, which is also included in the Sustainable Land Lab. Across 13th Street to the east is the Haven of Grace, a shelter for young pregnant women.

Across the alley to the south is a residential building that is currently vacant, although the owner has had plans for several years to develop the building into an owner-occupied residence.

LOT 6. 1303 Montgomery Street



View looking southwest

[Link to Google Street View of 1303 Montgomery Street](#)

Dimensions: 60 FT X 112 FT 6 IN

Description: This lot is a large space with a mix of dirt, asphalt, and gravel. There is a mature tree and a storm sewer inlet on the southeast corner.

History: This lot was most recently part of the parking lot for the failed 14th Street Pedestrian Mall, which existed prior to the redevelopment of Crown Village. Prior to that, several residential and commercial buildings were on the lot facing both Montgomery and N 13th Street. The buildings were demolished in the 1970's to make way for the parking lot.

Today's Context: This lot is immediately east of a large parking lot that serves the Crown Square businesses and some residential apartments along N. 14th Street. This lot is across the alley from 1306 St. Louis Avenue to the north, a building which was recently redeveloped to house Northside Workshop, an art center with a large fenced-in yard that includes a raised-bed garden.

Across 13th Street to the east is the large 13th Street Community Garden and Old North Grocery Co-op. Food is grown in the 13th Street Community Garden for both the North City Farmers' Market and the Old North Grocery Co-op.

Across the street to the south of the lot is a residential apartment building at 1308 Montgomery. Adjacent to this building to the east is 1300-06 Montgomery, a large grassy vacant lot which will also be included in the Sustainable Land Lab.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Sustainable Land Lab Competition is intended to educate and inspire the St. Louis region to think differently about how we use vacant land. Competition organizers are looking for big ideas that rethink existing notions, while moving towards sustainable solutions that can be tested through a two-year demonstration project. Successful projects will be responsive to the unique context of each lot, as well as the neighborhood context.

Get Local!

Participants are strongly encouraged to walk the sites and surrounding neighborhood. If teams would like to learn more about the neighborhood context, contact:

Old North St. Louis Restoration Group (www.onsl.org) at 314-241-5031 or info@onsl.org

Get Inspired!

For further inspiration and information on vacant land, links and resources are provided in Appendix B of this document and posted on the competition website linked below.

<http://sustainablecities.wustl.edu/land-labs-competition/>

See following page for submission requirements.

Submission concepts will be judged on the following criteria in each round:

DATE DUE	SUBMISSION/FORMAT	EVALUATION CRITERIA
December 10, 2012	<p>Round I: Open call for ideas & team qualifications</p> <p><i>2-page overview of concept for selected site and team qualifications, optional single image or 3-minute video</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creativity of concept, innovative solution • Connectivity to City sustainability plan and regional context • Integration of diverse factors, including, but not limited to water, food, energy, waste, social justice, art, economy and community • Response to unique site characteristics and local community context • Team qualifications <p>Additional credit for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replicable idea • Scalability of concept
January 28, 2013	<p>Round II: Selected teams</p> <p><i>concept board and preliminary implementation plan, optional 3-minute video</i></p>	<p>All criteria from round one, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity of how project concept will translate into a physical demonstration project • Considerations of communications about the project and community engagement • Commitment to implementation and maintenance of proposed project, including anticipated resource needs and potential sources • Clear statement of intended outcomes • Ability to gauge success across domains of environment, social and economic impact
March 18, 2013	<p>Round III: Selected teams</p> <p><i>final concept board including detailed site plan, implementation /maintenance plan, 2-year project budget, and short presentation to the jury.</i></p>	<p>All criteria from round two, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work within and leverage budget of \$5,000, with earmark for O&M • Plan for project ramp up, maintenance, and take down • Secured partnership commitments and sponsorships to support full proposal implementation

AWARDS

There are three rounds of jury review, including:

Round 1: Up to 15 teams will be chosen to move forward to round two. Select round one submissions will be included in a public exhibition at the Old North St. Louis Restoration Group gallery, February 1 – 28, 2013.

Round 2: Up to 8 teams will be chosen to move forward to round three. All round two submissions will be included in a public exhibition at the Old North St. Louis Restoration Group gallery, February 1 – 28, 2013.

Round 3: Up to 4 teams will be chosen for winning awards. All competition winners will present at the final public event, April 11, 2013.

Winning Awards:

Up to four winning teams will receive:

\$5,000 grant

Two-year land lease for chosen lot

ELIGIBILITY

Team registrants must be 18 years or older and able to sign lease agreement.

Only one entry per team will be accepted.

This is an open call for projects: Individuals, teams, community groups, for-profit companies and non-profit organizations are all encouraged to enter.

Although individuals may apply, the competition sponsors encourage multidisciplinary teams, in order to promote the most creative solutions to the multi-faceted issues of vacancy. Members could include architects, landscape architects, urban planners, geographers, botanists, sculptors, sociologists, engineers, ecologists, zoologists, geologists, historians, agronomists, photographers, horticulturists, gardeners, hydrologists, historians, artists, etc. Connections to potential professional advisors may be found through organizations such as the St. Louis chapters of American Institute of Architects, American Society of Landscape Architects, American Planning Association, the Urban Land Institute, and U.S. Green Building Council.

REQUIREMENTS

There are three rounds of jury review, with an overall competition timeframe of six months. Teams are required to register and submit online. Round 1 submissions are open to the public and must be completed by 11:59pm on **December 10, 2012**.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

Submission Format

Submission text must be in English. Entrants confirm that the submitted material is their own original or collaborative work, does not infringe upon any copyright law, and that they have permission to publish all of the material submitted.

Round 1 (All registrants):

Entrants must register and submit materials online at:

<https://sustainablelandlab.submittable.com>

Registration includes information about team, one contact person, site selection, and a brief summary of the team/idea (200 words max).

Submissions must include a brief overview of the idea and team qualifications (up to two 8.5 x 11 page pdf) and may include 1 image (any orientation; 8.5 x 11 pdf) or a link to a 3-minute maximum video (must be a link, no video files will be accepted).

Round 2 (Up to 15 Selected Teams):

Submissions must include a demonstration project concept delivered as a single 24" x 36" layout (any orientation; JPG or PDF format; 20 MB max file size) and may include a link to a 3-minute maximum video (must be a link, no video files will be accepted). Submissions must also include a tentative project implementation plan (up to two 8.5 x 11 page pdf).

All Round 2 teams must have at least one member present at the competition charrette on January 12, 2013 at the Old North St. Louis Restoration Group gallery. Competition sponsors and advisors will present key considerations, and teams will have opportunities to network and gather information from the community, public and private sector organizations and sponsors.

Round 3 (Up to 8 Selected Teams):

Submissions must include a final refined concept, including a site plan, delivered as a single 24" x 36" layout (any orientation; JPG or PDF format; 20 MB max file size), a final project implementation/maintenance plan (up to four 8.5 x 11 page pdf), and a 2-year project budget. Round 3 teams will also present to the jury in a private reception for all Round 3 teams. Presentations should follow the Pecha Kucha format of 20 slides, 20 seconds for each slide, for a total of 6 minutes 40 seconds. Presentations will be followed by a 5-minute jury Q&A.

Important Notes

24" x 36" layouts may range from a single or multiple images, designed text, or a combination.

Images may be reduced in resolution or compressed to meet file size limitations, but must be submitted in the required formats (no zip files).

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Full project implementation and ongoing site maintenance will be critical to the success of the Sustainable Land Lab. Therefore, project teams should carefully consider the human, material, and financial resources required when assembling teams, designing projects, and securing in-kind support. Successful teams must demonstrate the commitment and ability to implement the proposed project and maintain the site as proposed in the project submission for 2 years.

Project teams will agree to report quarterly updates on progress of the project and allow competition organizers access to the demonstration project for the purposes of project documentation and education.

Project teams are responsible for obtaining any applicable permits or licenses that may be required to carry out the demonstration project. Project teams are also responsible for complying with local ordinances. The competition organizers will work with teams to explore the possibility of waivers and/or variances, if the existing code does not allow for implementation of certain project components.

All project sites are within the Murphy Blair National Register Historic District. If a project proposal is considering elements that touch or include a wall of an adjacent building, the team should consult with RHCDA, the managing partner of the adjacent buildings. Please contact Stephen Acree, Executive Director at 314-333-7001 or Stephen@rhcd.com

In the event that the winning teams are unable to implement or maintain the projects as proposed, the lessor will have the ability to terminate the lease. Project teams will be given ample opportunity to address any concerns that do arise. All project partners are committed to the success of the Sustainable Land Lab. Lease termination will be a last resort. The lease agreements will clearly outline the expectations and repercussions for incomplete project implementation and inadequate site maintenance.

PROJECT TAKE DOWN REQUIREMENTS

At the end of the two-year lease, unless otherwise agreed upon, project teams are required to take down the project installation as proposed in the final submission. The condition to which the property is to be returned will be determined and agreed upon in the lease agreement. The intent is to leave the property in a condition that will require maintenance that is equal to or less than the current cost of upkeep.

USE OF AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Winning teams agree to use any award granted pursuant to the competition solely for implementation of its final submission, and agree to use reasonable effort to implement and maintain the project and allocate other resources thereto as proposed in its final submission.

RIGHTS

OWNERSHIP & USE

The competition organizers, Washington University, the City of St. Louis and the Old North St. Louis Restoration Group, shall retain ownership of and all rights in and to all materials submitted by any entrant. Each entrant shall retain ownership of any and all copyright, patent, trademark or other intellectual property embodied in its submission but shall and does hereby grant the competition organizers and each of them a royalty-free, nonexclusive, worldwide perpetual right and license to use the same for all purposes associated with the competition and the promotion thereof, including, without limitation, the right and license to hold both an online and a gallery exhibition of work at the Old North St. Louis Restoration Group offices or elsewhere, and to reproduce, prepare derivative works, distribute copies of the design submission, and the right to authorize such use by others. Entrants will be credited on all online and print material published by the organizers of the competition. Except as stated above, no entrant or competition organizer shall use the name, logos or other protected marks of any other entrant or competition organizer without the other party's prior written consent. Any and all copyrights, patents, trademarks or other intellectual property of the competition organizers in and to the Sustainable Land Lab and Competition materials and program shall remain the sole property of the competition organizers.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Sustainable Land Lab is a significant undertaking, which has and will continue to require ideas, insight, and support from a variety of regional leaders. Advisory Committee members have played and will continue to play a variety of roles, including: providing support in the development of the competition, serving as a technical resource for the jury and the competition teams, and serving as ambassadors for the Sustainable Land Lab projects as they move from ideas to implementation.

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QUESTIONS

First please check the FAQ section of the website. If you do not see the answer to your question, send your questions to sustainablelandlab@wustl.edu.

PARTNERS

The Sustainable Land Lab Competition was developed through a partnership between Washington University and the City of St. Louis. The inaugural year of this competition was made possible through support from the Old North St. Louis Restoration Group and Equifax.

Support from additional project partners and sponsors is growing, and currently includes:

- American Society of Landscape Architects, St. Louis Chapter
- City of St. Louis Development Corporation
- City of St. Louis Planning & Urban Design Agency
- HOK
- Preservation Research Office
- Regional Housing and Community Development Alliance

APPENDIX A – Neighborhood History and Context

Established in 1816 as the Village of North St. Louis, the area now known as Old North St. Louis has seen many changes in the past couple of centuries. After annexation by the City of St. Louis in 1841 and growing into a very densely populated and vibrant neighborhood, the community experienced tremendous deterioration and depopulation over the past five decades.

In 1981, a group of residents, small business owners, and community leaders in the Old North St. Louis neighborhood established the Old North St. Louis Restoration Group as a not-for-profit corporation with a mission to revitalize the physical and social dimensions of the community in a manner that respects its historical, cultural, and urban character. Faced with a neighborhood marked by massive population losses and widespread abandonment, ONSLRG has facilitated thousands of hours of volunteer service for neighborhood clean-ups and vacant building board-ups, hosted street festivals, sponsored annual house tours, coordinated crime prevention initiatives, and built the group's office into a "neighborhood marketing center." By 2004, the neighborhood was recognized by St. Louis Magazine as one of the city's best places to live in its "up-and-coming" category.



The Restoration Group, in partnership with the Regional Housing and Community Development Alliance (RHCD), created a residential development plan for 100 new homes and rehabilitation of 25 historic buildings along North Market Street in the heart of the neighborhood. Twenty single-family, for-sale homes have been completed and sold, and nine historic buildings were transformed from vacant, collapsing shells to produce 32 affordable apartments.

In 2006 Old North St. Louis Restoration Group and RHCD launched the largest redevelopment effort in the neighborhood, a \$35 million renovation of 27 vacant historic buildings along the former 14th Street Pedestrian Mall and adjacent blocks into 80 mixed-income apartments and over 34,000 square feet of commercial and retail space. Re-branded as Crown Square, the redevelopment of the former 14th Street Pedestrian Mall also included re-opening the street and significant public improvements, such as new street trees, benches, bike racks, and street lights. The Crown Square project received the National Trust for Historic Preservation/HUD Secretary's 2010 Award for Overall Excellence in Historic Preservation.

The physical development (or re-construction) of the neighborhood's building stock has been matched by similar efforts to address other community needs, as defined and prioritized by neighborhood residents. In recent years ONSLRG has taken responsibility for 7 community gardens, hosted six seasons of a Saturday morning farmers' market, and established a community-owned grocery co-op. Because of the progress achieved to date (including a 28% growth in population over the past decade) and the



comprehensive approach to neighborhood revitalization, Old North was selected by EPA for its 2011 Overall Excellence Award for Smart Growth Achievement.

Now, 196 years after the establishment of the village of North St. Louis, 171 years after the annexation of that village into the City of St. Louis, and 31 years after the creation of the Old North St. Louis Restoration Group, the neighborhood has earned a national reputation as a model for effective community-based revitalization.

APPENDIX B – Resources

Current Plans and Land Information

City of St. Louis, Mayors Sustainable Action Agenda/Sustainability Plan

<http://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/planning/documents/city-of-st-louis-sustainability-plan-draft-for-public-review.cfm>

North Riverfront Commerce Corridor Land Use Plan

[http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/sldc/documents/upload/NRCC Land Use Plan Final Part11.pdf](http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/sldc/documents/upload/NRCC_Land_Use_Plan_Final_Part11.pdf)

[http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/sldc/documents/upload/NRCC Land Use Plan Final Part2.pdf](http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/sldc/documents/upload/NRCC_Land_Use_Plan_Final_Part2.pdf)

Geo St. Louis

<http://stlcin.missouri.org/citydata/newdesign/addressparser.cfm?addresssearch=&previouspage=data>

St. Louis Development Corporation

<http://stlouis-mo.gov/sldc/>

Precedent Projects & Inspiration

Grounds For Change : Activating Vacant Land

<http://www.gfcactivatingland.org/explore/>

Denver Sustainability Park

<http://denversustainabilitypark.org/>

596 Acres (Brooklyn)

<http://596acres.org/>

Professional Organizations

[American Society of Landscape Architects, St. Louis Chapter](#)

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[Urban Land Institute, St. Louis Chapter](#)

[American Planning Association, St. Louis Chapter](#)

[U.S. Green Building Council, Missouri Chapter](#)