

Just the Facts:

Prop P: The Safe & Accessible Arch & Public Parks Initiative



What is Prop P?

On April 2, the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, will ask voters to consider a measure for a 3/16 of a cent sales tax under Proposition P, the Safe and Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative (less than 2 cents for every \$10 in retail purchases).

How will Prop P funds be used?

40% of the funds from the measure will make it possible for St. Louis City, St. Louis County and municipalities in the County to make much-needed improvements to existing parks.

60% of the funds will go to Great Rivers Greenway to be used in two ways:

30% will enable Great Rivers Greenway to preserve the quality of life in the St. Louis region by protecting natural areas, wildlife habitat and water resources and providing outdoor recreational opportunities through projects such as:

- 1** The River Ring, a system of parks and trails that will give families and kids more access to outdoor activities that will improve their overall health and physical well-being, and
- 2** The District's support of local programs that promote the conservation of natural resources, wildlife habitats, water quality improvement, physical activity and healthy living.

30% will be used for the CityArchRiver 2015 projects to increase safety and security across the Gateway Arch, the national park and surrounding areas, and increase accessibility allowing young families, people with disabilities and the elderly to have easier and safer access to the Arch grounds and the Mississippi riverfront.

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Great Rivers Greenway's role in the CityArchRiver project is two-fold.

We will:

1

Provide strict accountability and safeguard public funds designated for the CityArchRiver 2015 project.

2

Spearhead the riverfront improvements including a new bike path and the riverfront promenade.



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How will the CityArchRiver 2015 project impact downtown St. Louis?

The proposal would increase accessibility, allowing visitors with disabilities, families with young children, and the elderly easier and safer access to the Arch grounds and Mississippi riverfront. For the first time, the City will be connected to the Arch & Mississippi riverfront. There would be increased safety and security across the Gateway Arch grounds, the national park and surrounding areas.

Why a local tax for a national monument?

The Arch is the symbol of our community and it's up to us to take the lead in improving the quality of life for our region.

Why are Prop P funds needed for local parks?

The need to preserve natural areas, wildlife habitat and water resources is greater than ever. Additionally, municipalities in St. Louis city and county report more than \$200 million in need for park improvements. Additionally, the funds will be designated to make safety and accessibility improvements to parks that will increase the quality of life for all residents, so that they may enjoy the region's natural assets.

The Clean Water, Safe Parks & Community Trails bill (Prop C) passed in 2000 provides funding to Great Rivers Greenways. Why are new funds needed?

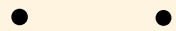
Great Rivers Greenway has around 500 miles of trails that remain to be built in order to complete the interconnected trail system. Over the next 5 years, we have \$135 million in project requests with only \$55 million available in revenue.

Finally, we want to save our region's open space, clean water and wildlife so that future generations can enjoy them the same way we do.

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What will the measure mean for you?

Improving your local parks



Adding new safety, lighting & security features to parks



Protecting natural areas & wildlife habitat



Improved water quality



Improving existing local trails for walking, jogging & biking trails.

