

## 2010 GREEN PROJECT AWARD

The Recycling Association of Minnesota presented the Minnesota Ballpark Authority with its Green Project Award at the association's 15th Annual meeting and awards dinner on October 6.

Dan Kenney, Executive Director of the MBA, accepted the award on behalf of the MBA and Minnesota Twins. An inscription on the award stated that it was given "In recognition of your efforts to create an environmentally sustainable ballpark for the state of Minnesota."

"We are proud of the recycling program at Target Field and all of the sustainable design components that have made Target Field the greenest ballpark in America," Kenney said. "The MBA and Twins are committed to building on these efforts in the years to come."

Earlier this year, Target Field was awarded LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification Silver Status by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). LEED is a rating system that was designed by the USGBC to distinguish high-performance buildings that have less of an impact on the environment, are healthier for those who use the building, and are more profitable than their conventional counterparts.

Some of the ballpark's green design elements include:

- Energy use reduction – achieved through high-efficiency field lighting, interior lighting and heating/cooling and ventilation equipment.
- Water use reduction – achieved through water-saving fixtures such as low-flow urinals and dual-flush toilets as well as a specially designed rain water filter system used to capture runoff, filter it and use it both to wash down the seating bowl and for irrigation.
- Game Day Recycling – Recyclable collection points stationed conveniently around Target Field keep an estimated 400 cubic yards of material over the course of a three-game home stand out of the solid waste stream.
- Public transportation access – Target Field was built to include a public transportation hub where commuter and light rail lines terminate, adjacent to a major bus hub, as well as convenient access by bike or on foot.
- Recycled Materials – More than 30 percent of all installed materials are made up of recycled content, including the canopy structure, masonry blocks, the carpet and the foul poles.

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