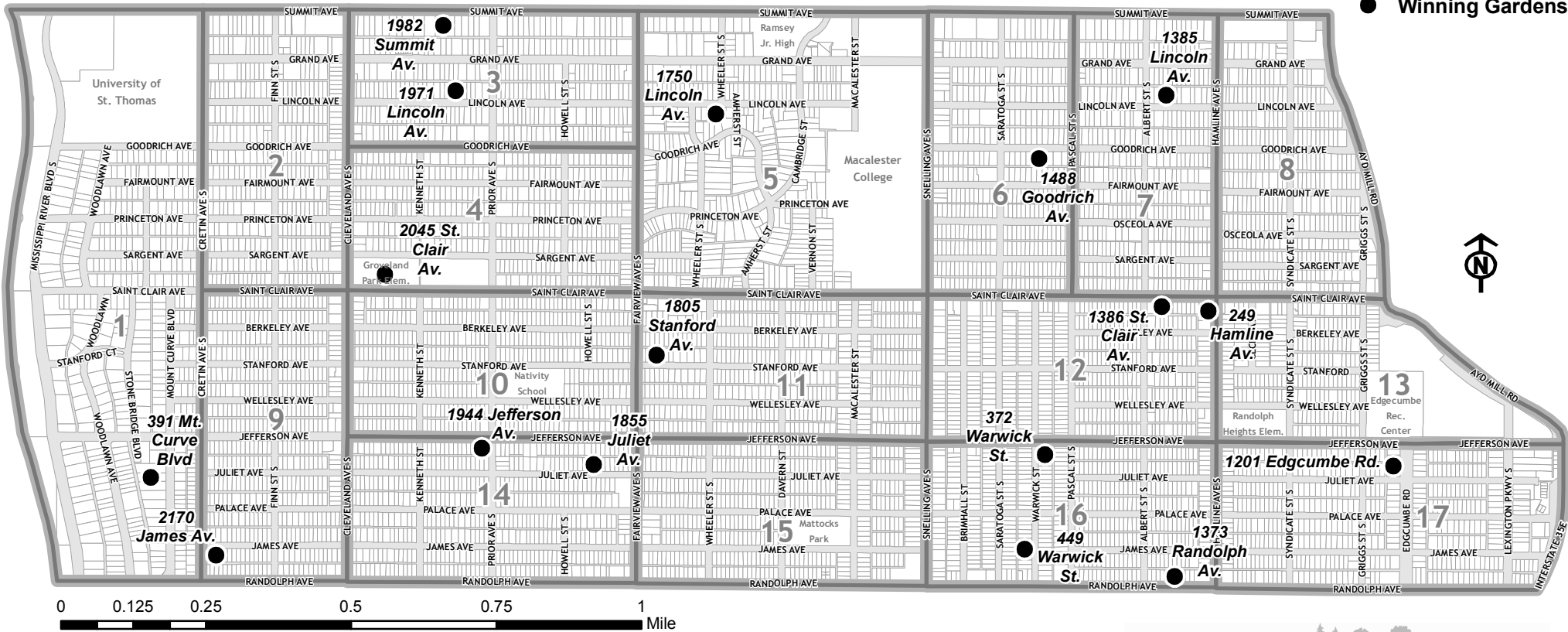


2009 Native Garden Award Winners

-  Neighborhood Grid Boundaries
-  Winning Gardens



Note: This map shows the addresses of gardens that won awards in 2008 and 2009 for which consent was given to publish.



Native gardens absorb much more rainwater than traditional gardens, provide a great habitat for butterflies and birds, and demand less maintenance (both water and fertilizers/pesticides) than non-native gardens. If you have nominated yourself or someone else has nominated you, you will receive recognition for enriching our neighborhood with your native garden.

To encourage the planting of native, low-maintenance vegetation, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council is sponsoring a program similar to the successful Alley Garden Award program. Well-maintained native gardens are environmentally friendly alternatives to lawns and gardens containing non-native species.

Unlike the Alley Garden program where grid representatives walk alleys searching for qualifying gardens, the Native Garden program is self-nominating. The following requirements must be met in order to be considered for an award:

- You must be a resident of the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood.
- The garden area must be weed-free and well-maintained.
- You must have a visible house number both on the street and the alley (unless there is no alley).
- The garden area must be accessible for verification purposes by Environment Committee volunteers.
- At least 50% of the garden area must be in native plants.
- If the garden is on a boulevard, all City Boulevard Garden Regulations must be followed.
- Native Gardens that meet all qualifications for Alley Gardens may earn both awards.

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