



2016 GREEN PATCH PROGRAM

Linden Hills Co-op is seeking nominations for recipients of our 2015-16 Green Patch donations. The Green Patch program encourages shoppers to reduce waste and reuse canvas, cloth, or other durable shopping bags—and supports two “green groups” chosen by member vote each year. Every time shoppers use their own cloth or canvas grocery bag, they receive a Green Patch worth five cents. From shoppers donating their Green Patches, the co-op generates an average of \$2,000 to \$4,000 for local environmental nonprofits each year.

Eligible groups must be committed to preserving and enhancing our environment through sustainable programs and environmental education and activism. We want to encourage co-op members to support community organizations that are working to build strong, sustainable and healthy communities. Only Minnesota-based nonprofit organizations will be considered. Co-op members will be asked to vote for two recipient organizations during the annual October election, and the organizations that receive the most votes will split the Green Patch proceeds for 2016.

In addition, eligible groups must:

- a. Be not-for-profit (that is, a public library, public school, or charitable organization as described in IRS Section 501(c)(3)) and nonpartisan (that is, not affiliated with or promoting any specific political party or candidate);
- b. Be non-discriminatory on the basis of any legally recognized category including but not limited to race, creed, gender, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or physical disability; and
- c. Not use the contribution to advance a particular religious belief (religiously affiliated schools are not disqualified so long as they are located in Linden Hills and surrounding neighborhoods and the contribution supports the school's environmental programs and not the church/synagogue/mosque or religion in particular).

Nominations must be received at Linden Hills Co-op by mail, in person or via email **NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15, 2015** to be included in the ballot for the fall election. Please return the completed form to Linden Hills Co-op, 3815 Sunnyside Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55410, or email as a Word or PDF file to lhuck@lindenhills.coop.



GREEN PATCH GROUP NOMINATIONS FORM

Your name: _____ Today's date: _____

Your daytime phone number: _____ Member #: _____

Your email: _____

Organization You Wish to Nominate: _____

Address: _____

Who should we contact at this organization if we need further information?

Organization phone: _____ Website: _____

Does this organization have charitable status (501)(c)(3)? _____

In 200 words or less, please describe this organization's purpose or mission:

Briefly describe why you wish to nominate this group for Linden Hills Co-op's Green Patch program:

Do you have a current affiliation or direct relationship with this organization? For example, are you a paid or volunteer staff member, board member, member of the organization, etc.? (This will not affect the organization's eligibility for the program—we just would like to know.)

You may drop this form off at Customer Service, email it to lhuck@lindenhills.coop, or mail it to Linden Hills Co-op, 3815 Sunnyside Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55410. Thank you!