



Landscape Sustainability

- Murphy Warehouse Company has planted native prairie plugs around its Minneapolis stormwater system – several other Twin Cities Murphy facilities already have mature prairies (see photos below)
- Prairies provide both an economic and aesthetic benefit
- Lawn care costs \$5,184 annually per acre; prairie maintenance only costs \$697 annually per acre – an 87% percent savings (based on actual costs calculated by Murphy)
- Lawns require regular mowing, watering and fertilization; prairies don't need additional fertilizers or watering, reducing the impact on the environment
- Native prairie plants have deep roots, assisting in water infiltration
- Prairie landscaping reduces the urban heat island effect
- Creates a habitat for many animals, including waterfowl, raptors, song birds, deer and even fox
- Neighbors love the look of native prairies, creating a buffer between the highly industrial warehouse site and surrounding businesses, residential areas, etc.



Photos are of CEO Richard Murphy in mature prairie located at Murphy's Northtown facility in Fridley