

Polystyrene:

1. Cordova, AK: [Ordinance 1137 \(sub\) adopting 8.37 governing use of plastic bags](#)
2. Gainesville, FL: [The Gainesville Zero Waste News - Expanded Polystyrene Containers \(Styrofoam®\) Ban on City Property](#)
3. St. Louis Park, MN: [Zero Waste Packaging Ordinance | St. Louis Park, MN](#)
4. Arcadia Lakes, SC: [polystyrene and bag ordinance](#)

Plastic Bags

1. Edwardsville, IL: [Ordinance language](#); [City Website](#)
2. Lawrence, KS: [Lawrence plastic bag ban goes into effect as House bill works to prohibit it](#); [THE FLAME](#)
3. Logan, UT: [Logan becomes Utah's 3rd city to ban plastic bags](#); [Ordinance language](#)
4. Jackson, WY: [Ordinance Language](#); [Board of County Commissioners - Staff Report](#)

Artificial Turf & Crumb Rubber ([Artificial Turf and Playgrounds: Municipal and Regional Initiatives](#))

1. Boston, MA: [Big News: Boston bans artificial turf because of PFAS](#)
2. Millbrae, CA: [Prohibition of Artificial Turf | Millbrae, CA](#)
3. Poolsville, MD: [Commissioners Meeting](#); [Cost Memorandum](#)
4. Westport, CT: [Passed ordinance](#)

Skip the Stuff

1. Chicago, IL: [City of Chicago :: Single-Use Foodware Ordinance](#)
2. Charleston, SC: [Environmentally Acceptable Packaging/Products | Charleston, SC - Official Website](#)
3. Denver, CO: [Skip the Stuff. Say No to Single-Use Condiments & Service Ware - City and County of Denver](#)
4. Gainesville, FL: [Skip the Stuff](#)

"Skip the Plastic" program by Nicolina Pappas (13, Illinois)

1. [Nicolina Pappas: 2025 Eco-Hero & Single-Use Plastic Advocate | Action For Nature](#)
2. [SKIP THE PLASTIC!](#)

Balloon Releases

1. La Crosse, WI: [Select from "Attachments" to see Ordinance Language](#); [Facebook post](#)
2. Beaufort, SC: [Beaufort is first SC city to ban balloon releases | Hilton Head Island Packet](#)
3. Cleveland, OH: [§ 613.16 Release of Balloons](#); [Balloon Releases Kill Wildlife & Cause Environmental Hazards - The City of Lakewood, Ohio](#)
4. St. Augustine, FL: [St. Augustine OKs balloon-ban ordinance, which includes \\$100 fine](#)

Single-Use Plastics

1. Hailey, ID: [Single-Use Plastics Ban - City of Hailey, ID](#)
2. Savannah, GA: [Single-Use Plastic Resolution](#)
3. Miami Beach, FL: [Miami Beach Bans Plastic and Metallic Party Decorations](#)
4. Milwaukee, WI: [Plastic Policies](#)

Water Refill Stations

1. MRCTI benefiting North St. Louis - [EPA Awards Over \\$11 million for Projects Promoting a Healthy and Resilient Gulf of Mexico Watershed](#) & see page 2
2. Gateway Arch National Park: [Green Practices - Gateway Arch National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)
3. H2O Refill Program – Milwaukee, WI: [H2O Refill Program — PlasticFreeMKE](#)
4. Water Station Project – Eugene, OR: [The Water Station Project | Eugene, OR Website](#)

EPA Grant – Preventing More, Picking Up Less

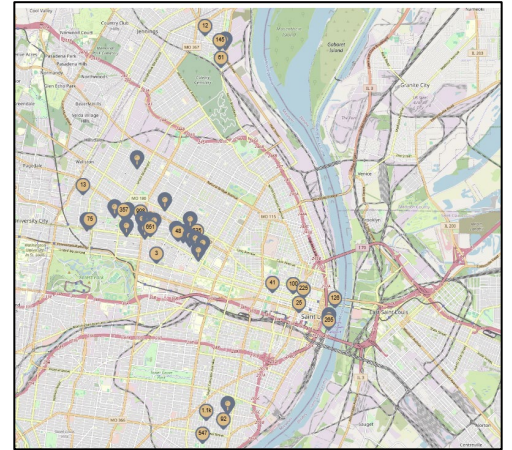
Promoting a Healthy and Resilient Mississippi River Watershed

This EPA-funded initiative grant project invested **\$499,638** in a comprehensive, community-driven effort to reduce plastic pollution and litter in St. Louis from 2022–2025. The project leveraged these funds to generate substantial, measurable outcomes across education, infrastructure, and data collection.

Key performance metrics include:

- 300,000+ residents reached, along with 500 businesses and 20 institutions engaged through outreach, media, and partner networks.
- Over 60,000 littered items removed, plus 100+ pounds of storm-drain debris captured.
- 87,500 single-use plastic items replaced through mini-grants and sustainable packaging initiatives.
- Four water-filling stations installed, including 3 outdoor publicly accessible units and one at an elementary school.
- 50 sampling transects completed, documenting 10,000+ litter items and contributing to a 75% reduction in litter in targeted areas.
- Inlet capture devices collected 5,000 items per month, with data showing a marked decline in plastic bottles entering storm drains near the public filling stations.

Data Collected in Project Area



Top Items:

1. Bottles & Containers (Plastic)
2. Food Wrappers & Snack Bags (Plastic)
3. Small Fragments (Plastic)
4. Grocery & Retail Bags (Plastic)
5. Bottles/Cans/Containers (Metal)



Leveraged partnerships and over \$100K in additional funding expanded cleanup work in tornado-damaged neighborhoods and broadened the project's reach. Community groups played a key role, and investing in local champions created lasting capacity. These champions continued leading education, cleanups, and advocacy beyond the grant period, demonstrating sustained momentum. Overall, the project delivered strong returns by pairing measurable environmental improvements with durable community leadership across St. Louis.

