

## City of Plymouth



Plymouth is the seventh largest city in the U.S. state of Minnesota. Located 15 miles northwest of downtown Minneapolis in Hennepin County, the city is the third largest suburb of Minneapolis-Saint Paul, which is the sixteenth largest metropolitan area in the United States. The U.S. Census Bureau estimated the city's population at 71,486 in 2008.

The city was ranked at the top of *Money* magazine's "America's Best Places to Live 2008."

**Why was Plymouth chosen as #1?** Because of its sense of home and community, including award winning schools, good jobs, affordable housing and low crime. With over 40 parks and more than 100 miles of trails, the outdoors also plays an important role in the community...including a longtime summer outdoor concert series which includes the world-famous Minnesota Orchestra. If you are looking for a 'green' community, it has been said that Plymouth has a 'green' stripe running down its back, including a "green" roof on a new city hall addition.



### Mayor Kelli Slavik

Kelli Slavik joined the City Council in 1999 serving as the Ward 2 council member. In 2006, she was elected mayor. Both the mayor and city council have emphasized maintaining Plymouth's strong financial position, funding core services and protecting quality of life amenities that helped earn Plymouth *Money* magazine's title as Best Place to Live in 2008.

### Environmental Education

A healthy environment is important to the excellent quality of life in Plymouth. Informed citizens take action to protect the lakes, wetlands and other natural surroundings they love. The City of Plymouth provides information and opportunities for residents so that they better understand the many ways they can take action to protect the environment.

From hands-on classroom lessons to citywide publications and events, [Plymouth's Environmental Education](#) program addresses waste reduction, recycling and water quality along with new and emerging environmental issues.

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### Ginny Black

As a member of the Plymouth City Council, Ginny Black has initiated and championed a host of environmental initiatives. Ginny's leadership played a significant role in the following examples—an exhaustive list of her environmental accomplishments over her 15-year tenure on the city council would certainly go on for pages.



#### City facilities and operations

- Green roof, energy-efficient lighting and heating, and overall green design of City Hall and Public Safety Building remodeling project.
- Food composting program at the Plymouth Creek Center, a facility that hosts large events, community activities and meetings.
- Composting residential yard waste at the city's yard waste site.
- Initiated energy conservation efforts in city facilities in advance of funding opportunities.
- Recycling in all city parks and at city events.

#### Other organizations

- Championed food-waste composting program in the 12 schools in Wayzata School District.
- Represented Plymouth on the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Organization (BCWMO) and participated in their education committee

#### Citywide

- Championed water quality ponds and many other water quality practices for Medicine Lake and all other lakes in the city.
- Kept recycling and waste reduction in the forefront throughout her tenure.
- Participated in opportunities for personal interaction to promote environmental issues at annual city events, including the Environmental Quality Fair, the Plymouth Yard & Garden Expo, Music In Plymouth and scheduled workshops.
- Served as council liaison to the Plymouth Environmental Quality Committee for most of her years on the City Council.

