

# RICE & LARPENTEUR ALLIANCE

3 Cities. 1 Neighborhood.



## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

### OUR SHARED VISION

The Rice & Larpenteur Area is a safe, engaging, and inviting neighborhood center that includes common spaces, a high-quality pedestrian environment, and robust reinvestment for the diverse people of the surrounding communities to live, conduct business, and play together.

# INTERIM ALLIANCE MEMBERS

## City of Maplewood

Marylee Abrams, Mayor

Melinda Coleman, City Manager

Jeff Thomson, Community Development Director

Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner

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Mary Jo McGuire, Commissioner

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Kari Collins, Director of Community and Economic Development

Rick Howden, Economic Development Specialist

Brian Isaacson, Deputy Director of Public Works

## Greetings,

What a year it's been since embarking upon the implementation phase of the Rice & Larpenteur Vision Plan. We have accomplished much in 2019 thanks to the steadfast commitment from staff and elected leaders from the Cities of **Maplewood, Roseville, Saint Paul** and **Ramsey County**, and the enthusiastic engagement of our local businesses and residents. We have learned that our neighborhood has many strengths and that challenges can be overcome by working together to realize our hopeful vision for the future.

We are excited for the year ahead as the community takes more leadership of the Rice & Larpenteur Alliance. The Alliance will continue to serve the neighborhood with community events, identify and support redevelopment opportunities, and manage improvements like public garbage and recycling cans, public art, signage, and green infrastructure. We will partner with and support our local businesses and housing providers, and ensure every community member feels safe, welcomed, and engaged in our shared future.

**Together, we can build a better future of the Rice & Larpenteur neighborhood.**

Sincerely,

**Kim O'Brien**  
Executive Director



**The Rice & Larpenteur Alliance is a collaboration of the Cities of Maplewood, Roseville, Saint Paul, Ramsey County, and the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce.**



# RICE & LARPENTEUR ALLIANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- *Rice & Larpenteur Area Vision Plan* adopted in 2018.
- Urban Land Institute's *Envisioning Healthy Corridors Study* published and grant received.
- Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce selected to lead implementation phase.
- McKnight Foundation grant received to help launch the Rice & Larpenteur Alliance.
- 600+ people attended RLA community events.
  - Summer Block Party @ Rice & Larpenteur.
  - Fall Festival at the Rice Street Gardens.
  - Spring Clean-Up and Meet-Up .
  - Holiday Pop-Up at Setzer's Pharmacy.
- New neighborhood logo unveiled and website ([riceandlarpenteur.com](http://riceandlarpenteur.com)) launched.
- Planters installed & pavement mural created on southwest corner.
- Larpenteur Ave. traffic calming, sidewalk, and pedestrian refuge islands installed.
- Wheelock Parkway rebuilt from Dale to Rice St., sidewalk added, and multi-purpose trail completed.
- Successfully advocated against cuts to Metro Transit Route 64 bus service.
- Created plans for Strategic Funding and Long-Term Alliance Governance.
- Engaged dozens of local businesses, hundreds of residents, and investors.



# NEXT STEPS

- Create a Rice & Larpenteur Alliance Advisory Board and community-based committees.
- Support the development of the Rice Street Gardens site for housing and urban ag.
- Improve the MyThrift Store mall parking lot and add a sidewalk on Rice Street.
- Beautify the neighborhood with public art, greening, and signage.
- Install and maintain public garbage and recycling bins.
- Celebrate Rice & Larpenteur with community events.
- Promote redevelopment and investment opportunities.
- Support local businesses with financial and technical assistance.
- Advocate for improvements to Rice Street from Cottage Avenue to County Rd B.
- Improve connections to Lake McCarrons Regional Park.

## What we do:



Placemaking



Community Engagement



Economic Development



Community Safety & Livability

## Our community:

Rice and Larpenteur is a neighborhood at the intersection of three cities, bisected by two county roads. We are...

- **Growing** (~18K residents)
- **Diverse** (>35% people of color)
- **Global** (~15% non-English speaking)
- **Young** (30% increase in children under 5)

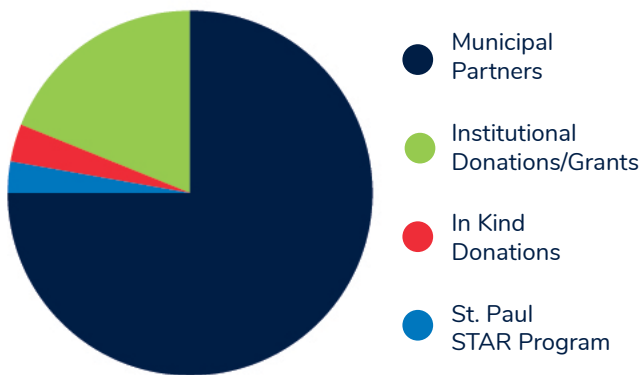
*\*Based on census data from 2015 for tracts 416.02, 422.01, 304, 305.*



## 2019 Financials

The Rice & Larpenteur Alliance is funded primarily through a contract with the Cities of Maplewood, Roseville, and Saint Paul. The Alliance successfully secured grants from the McKnight Foundation, Urban Land Institute of MN, and cash and in-kind sponsorships of community events. The operating budget for Year 1 (March 2019-February 2020) was about \$179,500. The largest expense went for staffing by the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce followed by events, placemaking activities, and marketing.

### RICE & LARPEITEUR REVENUE (MAR-DEC 2019)



### RICE & LARPEITEUR EXPENSES (MAR-DEC 2019)



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