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**MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN'S EARTHWAYS CENTER  
ANNOUNCES MOVE TO GARDEN GROUNDS**  
*Move is Next Phase in EarthWays Center's Efforts to Promote Sustainability*

(ST. LOUIS): The EarthWays Center, an off-site division of the Missouri Botanical Garden, will move by the end of 2010 to locate on Garden grounds. Existing EarthWays Center programs and projects will continue, and together with new efforts, will expand the Garden's voice in the community as innovative leaders in promoting sustainability in the St. Louis region.

"This is a great opportunity to bring the sustainability messages of the EarthWays Center to the Garden and make them available to more than 970,000 annual Garden visitors," said Dr. Peter Wyse Jackson, president of the Missouri Botanical Garden. "This move strengthens the Garden's commitment to showcasing how one's choices and behaviors impact the environment and plant conservation."

The EarthWays Center has been housed in a three-story Victorian home on Grandel Square that was renovated to be a model of energy and resource efficiency. This building is owned by Grand Center, Inc., and the lease ends in December 2010. Future use of the home is being managed by Grand Center, Inc. EarthWays Center staff offices will relocate to the Garden's Commerce Bank Center for Science Education located at 4651 Shaw Blvd.

The EarthWays Center's largest public event, the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Homes Festival, will be this Saturday, Sept. 25 as a block-long street festival on Grandel Square. The 2011 Green Homes Festival will take place at the Garden on Sept. 24, 2011 and will be bigger and better than ever. Find details at [www.greenhomesSTL.org](http://www.greenhomesSTL.org).

**ADD ONE: EarthWays Center**

Final public tour weekends at the EarthWays Center on Grandel Square will occur on Oct. 16 and 17 and Nov. 20 and 21, with guided tours beginning at 11 a.m., noon,

1 p.m., and 2 p.m. on each day. Tours are \$3 for adults and free for Garden members and children age 12 and under. No reservations are needed. For more information on attending a public tour or making final group tour requests of the EarthWays Center visit [www.earthwayscenter.org](http://www.earthwayscenter.org) or call (314) 577-0220.

The EarthWays Center promotes sustainability through environmental education and improving the built environment

The EarthWays Center is located at 3617 Grandel Square at Grand Center in mid-town St. Louis. From Interstate 64 or Interstate 44, take Grand Ave. north and turn left onto Grandel Square, just past the Fox Theater. Metered street parking is available.

The EarthWays Center is a division of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

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