NORTHSIDE SAFETY NET

PROGRAM MODEL

Food systems &

agriculture

Construction

engineering

Policy &

legislature

Northside Safety NET (Neighborhoods Empowering Teens) is designed as a multi-year paid internship program for a cohort of North Minneapolis youth. A pilot of the program was launched in 2021. Led by Environmental Initiative, Northside Safety NET has been developed in partnership with public, private, nonprofit, and community partners. The program is designed to address the intersectional barriers face by BIPOC

youth interested in environmental careers.

STAGE 2

research

environmental justice issue of their chooing by completing a Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) project.

POST-PROGRAM PATHWAYS

Internships & temporary Green careers employment

> Peer & partner networks

Youth-directed

Youth tackle a community

Higher Education

The program aims to:

- · Integrate young people in local efforts to address environmental justice issues.
- · Foster environmental literacy and practical skills of youth to create a new generation of environmental stewards.
- · Increase exposure to and interest in careers related to the environment, sustainability, and green enterprises.
- · Create opportunities or short- and longterm financial stability for youth interns.
- · Support consistent, long-term relationships with and between youth participants and program partners.

STAGE 3

Leadership, mentorship, and practicing expertise

Youth co-coordinate the program and offer younger peers guidance by engaging in youth-teaching-youth experiences and/or direct program development.

PARTNERS

· Project Sweetie Pie

Technology

& renewable

energy

Water

Quality

Sustainable

landscapes

- · Hennepin County
- · City of Minneapolis
- Youthprise
- · Conservation Corps
- · Tree Trust
- · Metro Blooms

MN STEM

Recreation

Forestry

Conservation

Waste

prevention

Air quality

STAGE 1

Experience

and explore

Youth engage in staff- and partner-led

guided inquiry and

hands-on activities in

various environmental

topic areas.

- · Just B Solar / Go Solar Kidz
- Urban Boat Builders
- · U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services
- UpliftMN



For more information about **Northside Safety NET**

