

# River-Wash at LITTLE MEKONG

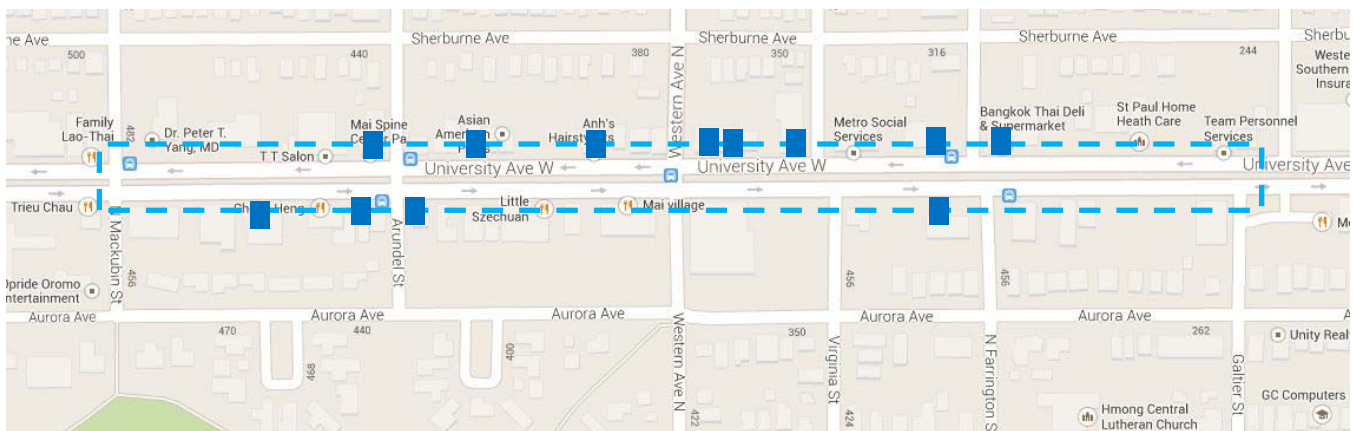
River-Wash at Little Mekong will be on display starting September 15 through November 15, 2013 in the Little Mekong business and cultural district in St. Paul, MN along University Avenue between Mackubin and Galtier streets. The project explores a sense of place in Little Mekong, by looking behind its surfaces -- inviting visitors to see the people behind the storefronts and the water below the street that connects Little Mekong to the Mississippi River. Participating businesses will have a poster in their storefront window that documents their interaction with the project and their answers to two questions: "What do you want to flow in to this place?" and "What do you want to wash away?"

Business owners write these answers on a watering can and with water on the sidewalk, then they pour the water over the sidewalk and into the storm drain to let it water the trees and be cleaned in the tree trenches before it flows through the underground tunnels to the Mississippi River. The exhibit will also include the first application of the new City of St. Paul storm drain stencils in Little Mekong, reinforcing the river connection and reminding visitors and residents to keep the streets clean to protect the river. The River-Wash website provides more background and links to resources for protecting the Mississippi.



River-Wash at Little Mekong is a project by Full Spring Studio, in collaboration with Friends of the Mississippi River, Asian Economic Development Association, and the City of St. Paul Stormwater Stenciling Program. The project is supported by Irrigate.

## Locations of Participating Businesses & Organizations



**River-Wash at Little Mekong** takes place along University Avenue between Mackubin and Galtier Streets. In this area, participating businesses display posters in their storefront and storm drains communicate river stewardship with a new stencil from the City of St. Paul. ( ■ marks locations of posters at participating businesses.)

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