

*CITY OF GREEN ISLE, MINNESOTA  
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**RESOURCE PROFILE FOR ECONOMIC  
GROWTH**



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*Green Isle Economic  
Development Authority*

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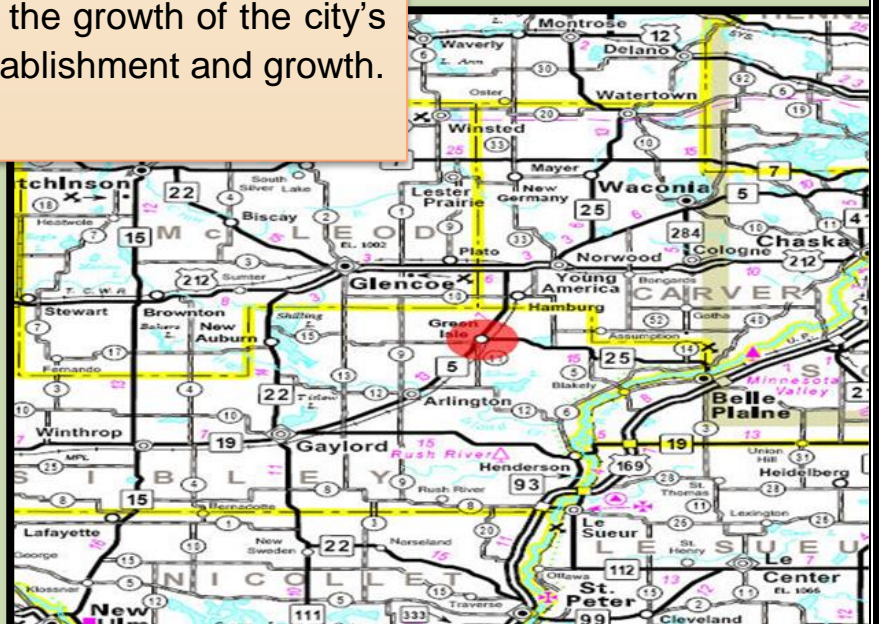
### 1. OVERVIEW OF THE CITY

Green Isle is a growing community located in Southern Minnesota approximately 55 miles southwest of the Twin Cities. It is a "Premier City on the Move" within Sibley County located at the intersection of Minnesota State Highways 5 and 25. According to the United States Census Bureau, the city has a total of 0.98 square miles, all of it land, and its elevation is 1,004 feet (306m) above sea level. Bodies of water close to Green Isle include a series of lakes: Erin Lake, Washington Lake and Schauer Lake. Near Green Isle there is also Silver Lake, High Island Creek and the Minnesota River.

Green Isle is a progressive city and home to over 555 residents, with low costs of living and crime rates, and easy access to major highways. These aspects have been major contributions towards the growth of the city's housing sector, industrial park establishment and growth.

"...Beautiful Community, a close distance to everything; shopping, restaurants and more! You have to check out the wonderful baseball field in town!"

- Mike Westphalen, Realtor, RE/MAX Advantage Plus



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### A map of Green Isle's Location



### Aerial View of the City

## 2. HISTORY OF THE CITY

Green Isle Township settled in 1857, and organized on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1858. The city received its name referring to Ireland, "The Emerald Isle" by suggestion of Christopher Dolan, an Irish immigrant. The area around Green Isle was settled by several families as early as 1855. The Minneapolis and St Louis railroad with the station came through in 1881. The city of this name, in the adjacent section 18 of Washington was platted in August, 1881 and incorporated as a village on December 8, 1883. The city had a station of the Minneapolis and St Louis railroad and has had a post office since 1866.

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### 3. COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

Between 2015 and 2016, the City's household income increased from \$54,167 to \$57,500, a 6.15% increase.

The population of Green Isle is 88% white, 10.5% Hispanic and 1.45% other.

9.8% of the people in the City speak a non-English language, and 93.50% are U.S citizens.

*Population-551*

*Median age-34*

*Median Income-\$57,500*

*Median Home Value-\$117,000*

#### a) MEDIAN AGE IN GREEN ISLE

<b>Median Age</b>	<b>33.6%</b>
<b>Age 18 Over</b>	<b>68.1%</b>
<b>Age 21 Over</b>	<b>62.3%</b>
<b>Age 62 Over</b>	<b>12.8%</b>
<b>Age 65 Over</b>	<b>12.4%</b>

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## 4. HEALTH OVERVIEW AND QUALITY OF LIFE

Green Isle is six miles away from the Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center, which is dedicated to providing health care services of outstanding quality, caring for patients and improving the health of individuals served.



**The Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center**

Green Isle has a 1:27 primary care clinician to patient ratio and a Medicare reimbursement average per patient per year of \$8,695. Green Isle residents 6-17 years of age are the largest group with health care coverage in the area.

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## 5. EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

### a) Green Isle Community School

The community is home to the Green Isle Community School, dedicated to foster a positive and respectful multiage environment that promotes educational excellence, service learning, community connections and responsible citizenship to children.



“...There are wonderful learning opportunities at the Green Isle Community School that all students can appreciate...”

Shelly King

Parent-Member,  
Board  
Treasurer



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All staff work together to enrich the greater Green Isle Community by establishing traditions that celebrate history and heritage. The school also purposefully strives to create a nurturing environment that will foster respect, cooperation and good character development in children.

### **b) Clover Kids Child Care**

The Green Isle Community School has also established a child care center. The Center is set to care for a maximum of 8 infants, 14 toddlers, and 20 preschool children.

All staff ensures social/emotional, physical, cognitive and language growth for all the children in this care.





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## c) Other Educational Resources

In addition, there are a number of universities and colleges within 40 miles of Green Isle, including: Ridgewater Colleges in Willmar and Hutchinson; Gustavus Adolphus College, 24 miles away in St Peter, MN; Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato and Minnesota State University, Mankato, about 36 miles away.

Over 15,000 students are enrolled each year. Minnesota State University offers various areas of study both from undergraduate and graduate programs including; Accounting, nursing, sociology, theatre arts and political science.



Ridgewater College offers a variety of educational options including Art&Design, Business&Marketing, Information Technology and Law Enforcement

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Gustavus Adolphus College has a student enrolment of over 2,500 students. Some of the programs offered include: Computer Science, Economics, Gender Studies



## 6. ECONOMIC VITALITY

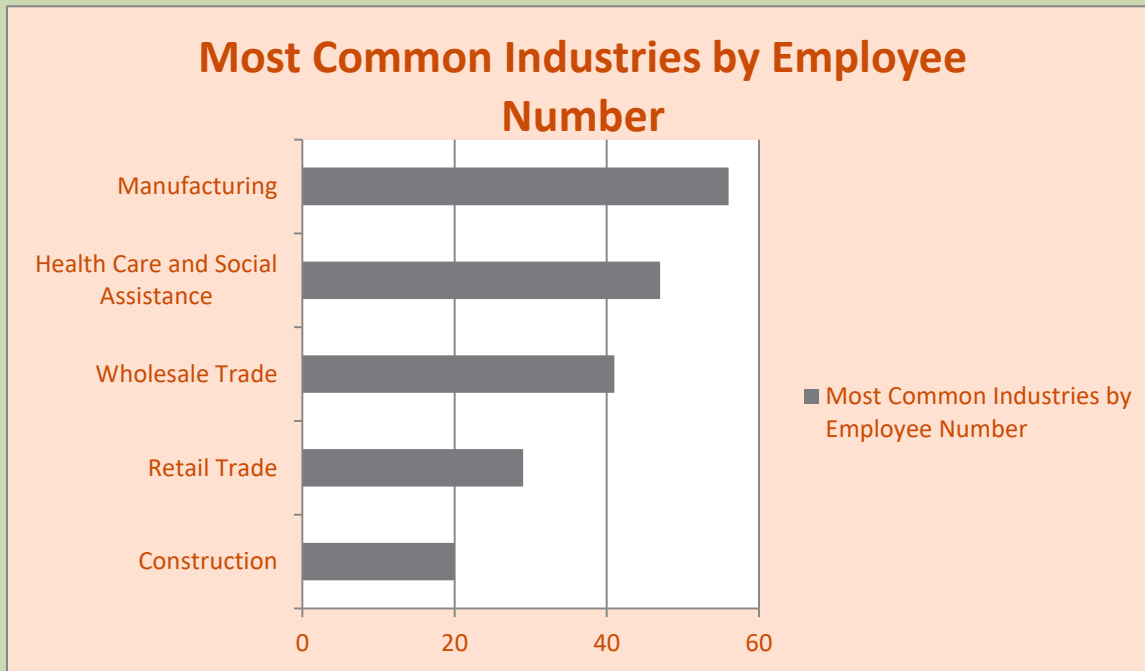
The community of Green Isle employs 280 people. The economy specializes in Wholesale Trade: (Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry), retail trade, manufacturing, health care and social assistance, which employ 2.07 times more people than what would be expected in a location of this size. (datausa.com)

The economy is fairly diverse and has developed its resources through timely and steady investment in developing an industrial park to attract businesses and make the community grow.

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**Graph showing most common Industries by Employee Number**



### Select Major Non-Government Employers

Employer	Product /Service
Locher Bros	Distribution
United Farmers Coop	Retail
Vos Construction Inc.	Construction Services
JIT companies	Water Jet Cutting
Timberline WoodProducts	Custom Cabinet Shop

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**JIT Company, Shamrock Drive,  
Green Isle**

“...little has changed since the first time I used Vos Construction Inc. back in the 80’s, when I found the company to be honest, punctual, pleasant, while providing outstanding workmanship with the utmost of integrity...”

- Larry Webber,  
(representing Olsen Chain & Cable Owned and operated by the Camp Family)



**Vos Construction Inc.**

The Green Isle Economic Development Authority works to promote economic development through business planning and opportunities for the community to grow.

The city has a 22-acre industrial park, which is currently being developed by new businesses including Timberline WoodProducts.

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## 7. SERVICES AVAILABLE IN GREEN ISLE:

The City offers a variety of services to residents and businesses to ensure the well-being, comfort and growth of everyone in the community. The amount of growth, as well as the commitment from the City to provide as many services as possible in such a small community is what has led to continuous growth of Green Isle.

### Services offered include:

#### A. BANKING

The Cornerstone State Bank, a locally owned and independent bank, has grown over the years and extended a branch in Green Isle. All staff is committed to hometown service and growth of its customers, and the community as a whole.

*The City combines many essential functions and services. The water treatment and wastewater services are combined with the city of Arlington. Police protection is provided by the Sibley County Sheriff's Department. These types of relationships have proven to be very cost effective*

**Cornerstone State Bank**

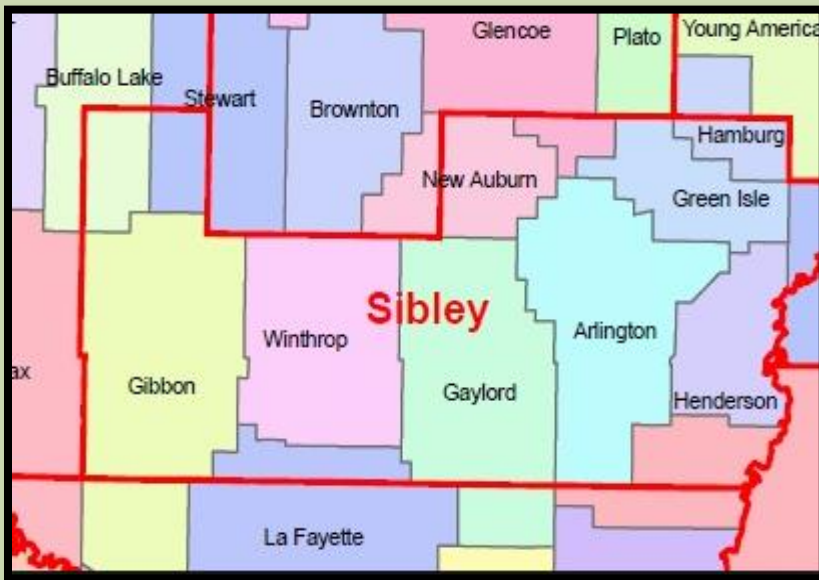


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## B. LAW AND ORDER

The Sibley County Sheriff's Department provides law enforcement protection for the City of Green Isle.

Duties, including patrolling the 588 square miles of Sibley County, (Green Isle included), investigation of crimes, incarceration of sentenced and pre-sentenced individuals, and civil process matters, are provided by over 30 highly dedicated full-time and part-time deputies, dispatchers, corrections officers and clerical staff members.



Scope of Cities served by  
the Sibley County Sheriff's  
Department

Sibley County Sheriff's Office



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## C. FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Green Isle fire department is a 20 member organization committed to providing responsible municipal service in an open, effective and efficient manner to all citizens of Green Isle, with an ultimate goal of preserving and enhancing the quality of life for future generations.



Green Isle Fire Rescue trucks



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Firemen at work

### **D. HOUSING**

The City offers affordable homes in a small town, friendly, clean, and safe atmosphere, with ease of access to the State Highways 5 and 25, and to nearby businesses and services. The lots are well equipped with one of the newest and most advanced water and wastewater systems.

There are over 212 households in the city with an average household size of 2.62 people..

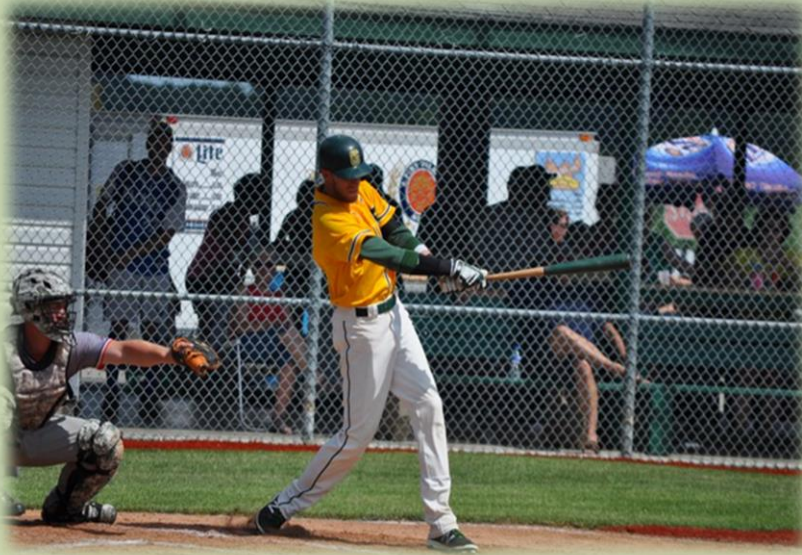
*"...Whatever your preference is, the City of Green Isle offers it; from single family custom homes in any style or size to single level twin and quad homes for the individual that does not want to the upkeep of a large yard or a lot of steps to shovel..."*

### **E. RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

The City of Green Isle boasts of the various recreational activities including being the home to the Green Isle Irish baseball. On the edge of the City is the Green Isle Irish baseball yard; a place for the community to gather, watch and celebrate Green Isle tradition.



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*The Green Isle Irish  
baseball team invites  
you and your friends  
to join them at the  
“Yard” to watch  
exciting baseball  
games and to cheer  
them on to Victory!*

## **THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

The City of Green Isle and Green Isle Lions are also working to expand the Veterans Memorial Park.



**Veterans Memorial  
Park**

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### **F. COMMUNITY**

The City is home to different houses of worship for different people in the community, including St Brendan's Catholic Church and St Paul's Lutheran Church where people congregate in share of faith and prayer.



**St. Brendan's Church**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**



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