

Minnesota Twins announce enhancements to Target Field batter's eye for 2019

Ballpark's new batter's eye will be first in Major League Baseball to feature 'living wall' system

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MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, MN. - Bringing a unique element to an essential ballpark staple, the Minnesota Twins today unveiled plans for a new, "living wall" system for the Target Field batter's eye. The batter's eye design, which is the first of its kind in Major League Baseball, will enhance the aesthetics of the center field hitter's backdrop, without compromising playability.

The Target Field living wall system, which at 2,280 square feet will be among the largest in the continental United States, will incorporate approximately 5,700 sea green juniper plants, individually installed and secured in a tiered, multiple-tray system attached to the existing batter's eye wall structure. Together, the junipers will create a consistent, stationary background of lush greenery, without variations in color or texture, to provide both beauty and a world-class hitter's backdrop.

Consistent with the Minnesota Twins' longstanding commitment to sustainability, the Target Field living wall batter's eye will be self-irrigated via Pentair's rainwater recycle system. The junipers will be installed each March and removed at season's end, to be stored locally within a nursery for winter care. Manufactured by industry leader Green Living Technologies, International, out of Rochester, N.Y, the Target Field living wall system will be installed by Boston-based CityScapes.

"The Minnesota Twins are excited about plans to install one of the world's largest living walls at Target Field," Twins President & CEO Dave St. Peter said. "Since the removal of the original trees, which were part of Target Field's batter's eye in 2010, the Twins have been searching for the right solution which balances playability and aesthetics. We believe the living wall concept delivers on both fronts, while further enhancing the ballpark's sustainability platform."

Installation of the living wall system is scheduled to begin the week of January 21 and will be completed before the Twins 2019 season opener, March 28 against the Cleveland Indians.

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