

Adams Garden Park Arts

THE YARD, HOUSE & GALLERY PROJECT

CULTIVATING CREATIVITY, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & COMMUNITY

Adams Garden Park Arts is a place-based arts and environmental initiative located in Milwaukee's Lindsay Heights neighborhood and within BID 32. The project transforms vacant, blighted city-owned properties into vibrant community assets that support artists, engage youth, and reconnect residents to creativity, nature, and healing.

The Need

More than 50 vacant lots owned by the City of Milwaukee are concentrated in the BID 32 and Lindsay Heights area. These underutilized properties contribute to disinvestment, safety concerns, and limited access to creative and green spaces. Adams Garden Park Arts responds by reimagining vacancy as opportunity.

The Vision

The Yard, House & Gallery is a multi-phase project that integrates live-work space for artists, public art, environmental education, and community gathering.

Impact

Transform unsafe vacant properties into welcoming public spaces

Support artists with affordable live-work and exhibition opportunities

Engage youth through arts and environmental education

Strengthen neighborhood identity, pride, and stewardship

Foster social connection, healing, and creativity across generations

Project Components

The House & Gallery

- Complete rehabilitation of vacant properties
- Creation of two residential units for artists
- Gallery, studios, workspace, and classrooms
- Gardens, hardscape, and landscape featuring vegetables and native plants
- A hub for living, working, learning, and exhibiting art

The Walk

Curated by Glenn Williams, Associate Professor of Art and Area Head, Department of Art & Design, UWM Peck School of the Arts, The Walk integrates public art and placemaking to connect creativity, movement, and community.

The Yard: An Open Canvas for Creativity

- Nearly two acres of vacant land activated for community use
- Murals celebrating local voices and neighborhood history
- Electrified outdoor space for year-round programming
- Outdoor classrooms for hands-on environmental learning
- Flexible space for art installations, gatherings, and education

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Call to Partnership

We are seeking capital and programmatic support from funders, foundations, and civic leaders who believe in the power of arts, culture, and nature to transform communities. Investment in Adams Garden Park Arts helps turn vacancy into opportunity and creates lasting community assets rooted in creativity and care.

