



Community members paint a newly-constructed fence in the Walnut Hill Garden and Pocket Park in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as part of the city's Love Your Block program. Volunteers also cleared the garden of over 500 pounds of litter, removed a broken down fence, cut back overgrown weeds, and installed five new raised garden beds. In partnership with the Strong Neighbors Initiative, Love Your Block focused on vacant lot remediation and community cleanup efforts throughout the year.



A neighborhood resident repairs the exterior trim of a house belonging to a senior citizen in South Bend, Indiana, as part of the city's Love Your Block program. Leading in Neighborhood Connections group (LINC) organized residents around the need for small-scale home repairs. Volunteers completed energy efficiency improvements and minor home repairs. The program also connected senior homeowners with the younger generation in South Bend, who worked on the repair projects.

The Art Box Lot

Project: Vacant Lot Beautification

Project Leads: Raul Irizarry and Jose Figueroa

Outputs: 200 square foot mural created, 120 pounds of trash removed, 51 volunteers

Partners: Youth Compass Collaborative, Real Art Ways, Grow Hartford Youth, Inter-Community Resource, Betances Elementary School, Hartford Public Library Park Branch

Grant: \$976.50

Leveraged: \$390 cash donations and \$330 in-kind donations

Outcome: The Art Box Lot at 769 Park St is a temporary lot beautification project that succeeded in creating a space for passive recreation and community events. Events in the space allowed for residents to strengthen connections and increase neighborhood pride.



In The City for Good

Project: Community Benches

Project Leads: Naomi Ngoma and Louisa Barton Duguay

Outputs: 5 benches designed and painted by 30 volunteers

Partners: Emanuel Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran Church

Grant: \$1,000

Leveraged: \$420 Additional Grant

Outcome: Emanuel Lutheran Church purchased 5 pallet benches with each designed by local artists with input from residents. The project allowed church members and residents to come together and make connections through painting the benches and helped to beautify the neighborhood and provide more places to sit. The benches are located along Park Street.



South Bend woman makes repairs to help neighbors keep their homes

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CARA Cares: Clean it Up, Keep it Up!

Project: Beautification and Environmental Safety

Project Leads: Chairperson Bea Powell & Secretary Denyse Bailey, Clay Arsenal NRZ

Grant: \$1,000

Summary: CARA Cares: Clean It Up, Keep It Up! is a beautification and environmental safety project focused on the intersection of Pliny and Brook street. The main objective of this project is to beautify the lot, reduce rubbish, honor neighborhood pioneers, and bring pride to this section of the neighborhood through a neighborhood clean-up, the installation of trash containers and shrubs around the vacant lot, and the placement of a steel bench on the property in commemoration of individuals who have contributed greatly to the enhancing the community.



The Labyrinth at Sterling Street

Project: Beautification and Placemaking

Project Leads: Kamora Herrington & Lauren Little, and Ira Revels - Kamora's Cultural Corner

Grant: \$1,000

Funds Leveraged: \$9,418 in donations and matching funds

Summary: The Labyrinth at Sterling Street is a multi-phase beautification and project that will create a neighborhood community space and labyrinth which will be "a physical space that represents the metaphorical thought patterns and illustrates the complexity" of truly creating community. The project will include an herb and greens garden and will be accessible to everyone in the neighborhood and beyond.



Love My B.L.O.C

Project: Beautification, tactical urbanism, and environmental safety

Project Leads: Kelvin X. LoveJoy & Reneesha Baugh, BHCA

Grant: \$1,000

Summary: Love My B.L.O.C is a beautification, tactical urbanism, and environmental safety project that seeks to beautify empty lots around Barbour and Nelson street. The goals of this project are to engage residents through community clean-ups, vacant lot development, installation of an art project and the development of a resident B.L.O.C (Building Leaders and Organizing Community) Association.



Zion Hill Gateway Project

Project: Tactical urbanism, beautification and environmental safety

Project Leads: Carey Shea & Susan Jaafar, Friends of Zion Hill Cemetery

Grant: \$1,000

Funds Leveraged: \$3,001 in donations and matching funds

Summary: The Zion Hill Gateway Project is a tactical urbanism, beautification and environmental safety project that will focus on enhancing and increasing the accessibility of the Zion Hill Cemetery entrance at the corner of Ward and Zion. The project will begin with a volunteer led-clean up and walking tour in partnership with SINA, followed by a walk/bike audit in mid-July with Transport Hartford. Volunteers will also help prepare planting beds and plant perennials and low groundcovers in the beds near the entrance. Come fall, volunteers will work with DPW and the City Forester to install shade trees and benches.



Beautify Barry Square

Project: Beautification

Project Leads: Chairperson Hyacinth Yennie & Bill Ericson, MARG

Grant: \$1,000

Summary: Beauty Barry Square is a beautification project designed to bring life and color to the Barry Square Triangle and the surrounding area through flowers. The focus of this project is at The Triangle near the Church, post office, and gas station. This project will place large flowerpots with a variety of plants and flowers provided by KNOX throughout the neighborhood and at the highlighted intersection.



Project Name: Frog Hollow and Southwest Bench Builds

Project Lead: Kerri Anna Provost

Project Co-lead: Dimitris Koutoumbas

Neighborhood: Frog Hollow, Southwest and Behind the Rocks

Amount Awarded: \$2,500

Summary: The project aims to provide a place to sit in high-ridership bus stops and other community facilities in Frog Hollow and Southwest neighborhoods. Lack of seating in the public realm harms older folks and individuals with disabilities. The goal is to build and place 18 benches to improve people's experience outdoors and promote active transportation. The target audience includes block residents and public foot traffic who walk, bike, and take the bus.

