

Final Outcome Report

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Questionnaire

<p>Project Results Summary</p> <p>The first phase of the public access art "pocket" park was completed successfully. The art park was landscaped with a gravel path, labyrinth, trees, shrubs, native plants - creating a high quality green space for residents.</p>	<p><i>(SAMPLE RESPONSE)</i> As a result of the NEP in Smithvale neighborhood, property values will increase.</p> <p>As a result of NEP funds, the pocket park project adds to the neighborhood beautification efforts and community connectivity on the Eastside of Kalamazoo.</p>
<p>What indicators were used to measure results?</p> <p>Our success is evident through the transformation of vacant lots into vibrant community spaces for residents to live, work and play. The community pocket park will serve neighborhood residents as shared outdoor space to encourage neighbors to interact and get to know one another through nature, art and culture.</p>	<p><i>(SAMPLE RESPONSE)</i> Home sale prices in the neighborhood.</p> <p>The first phase of the pocket park sets the stage for an up and coming storytelling project that will showcase resident stories through permanent art components in the park. This will further beautification efforts along with empowering residents to honor the neighborhoods history, celebrate art, and encourage meaningful connections across generations.</p>
<p>How were the indicators measured?</p> <p>We will measure success by the number of residents, local organizations and artists involved in the green space that was once considered unsafe.</p>	<p><i>(SAMPLE RESPONSE)</i> Compared the average sale price at the start of the NEP to the average price at the end of 2-1/2 years.</p> <p>Blight and decline will be reversed and surrounding homeowners will be able to re-establish a foothold in economic security.</p>
<p>What were the findings of the measurements including baseline data?</p> <p>Through our community engagement process, residents expressed the desire to create green space that is accessible, walkable, family friendly that adds character and charm to the neighborhood.</p>	<p><i>(SAMPLE RESPONSE)</i> Average sales price in the beginning was \$61,000; at the end was \$67,000.</p> <p>This Eastside Gateway Project will have a positive economic benefit on approximately 50+ surrounding house values.</p>

What Lessons were Learned?

The resident-led vision of the public access art park took a deeper dive than the original vision. During a time of new development, it became especially important to uplift and highlight the rich history of this neighborhood and its' residents. The Eastside Neighborhood Association will provide leadership for a series of storytelling workshop sessions with local artists, youth and other residents from the neighborhood. These narratives will surface through a neighborhood led storytelling project called Eastside Voices. Stories and imagery that come out of this oral history project will be incorporated into permanent art elements of the labyrinth and pocket park. The art park will weave together creative talent to catalyze meaningful experiences shared between individuals from different generations and all walks of life.

(SAMPLE RESPONSE) Not only have the sales prices increased, the time on the market has decreased. The homes we built had waiting lists as we built them; and other properties in the neighborhood are selling more quickly.

Our hope is that the stories and art components will further empower residents to honor the neighborhoods history, celebrate art, and encourage meaningful connections across generations.

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