

ART & ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE

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Creative Placemaking: Building Spaces for Community Life
The Arc Community Greenspace
Meadville, Pennsylvania

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Home Studio Art Practice Public Art Practice C.V.



Public Art Practice



A&EI History and Timeline



The Arc Greenspace & Bloom Where You're *

Planted



Blue Box Renaissance



Conneaut Lake: Our Town Project & Ganesh



Erie, PA Poetry Park Project



In Praise of Land & Water *



Meadville's Public Art Trail *



Market Alley



Market Square Rain Garden



Meadville at the Crossroads



Mill Run Highlighting



North Street Improvement Projects



Read Between the Signs



Shadybrook Park



Sign Art Mural at Municipal Garage



Signs & Flowers



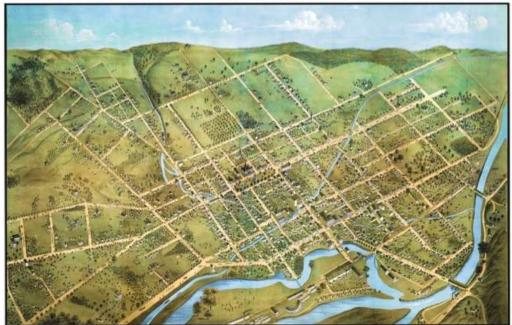
The Green Room

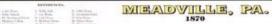


The Spirit of Birches, Birds, and Words

Not your run of the mill community

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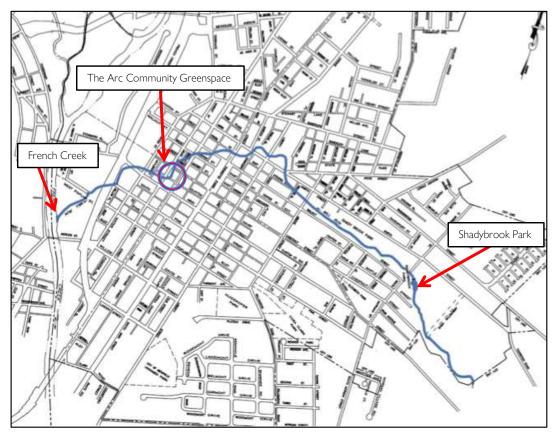




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Mill Run through the City of Meadville



Mill Run flows beneath most streets through the central part of the City, but surfaces above ground briefly at several key points from the headwaters above Shadybrook Park to the confluence of French Creek.

The Arc Community Greenspace 2018

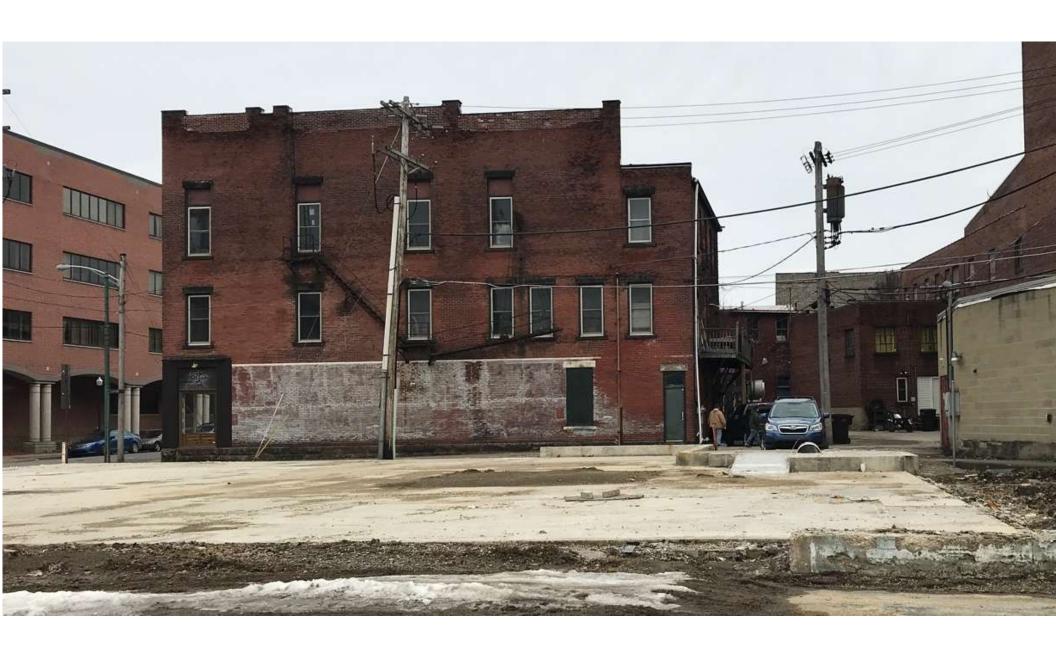


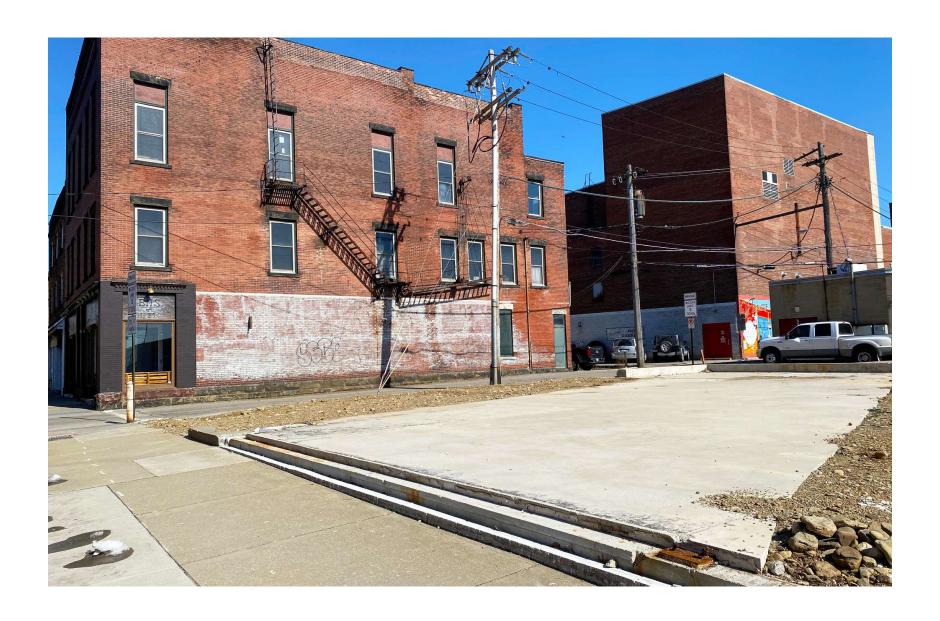


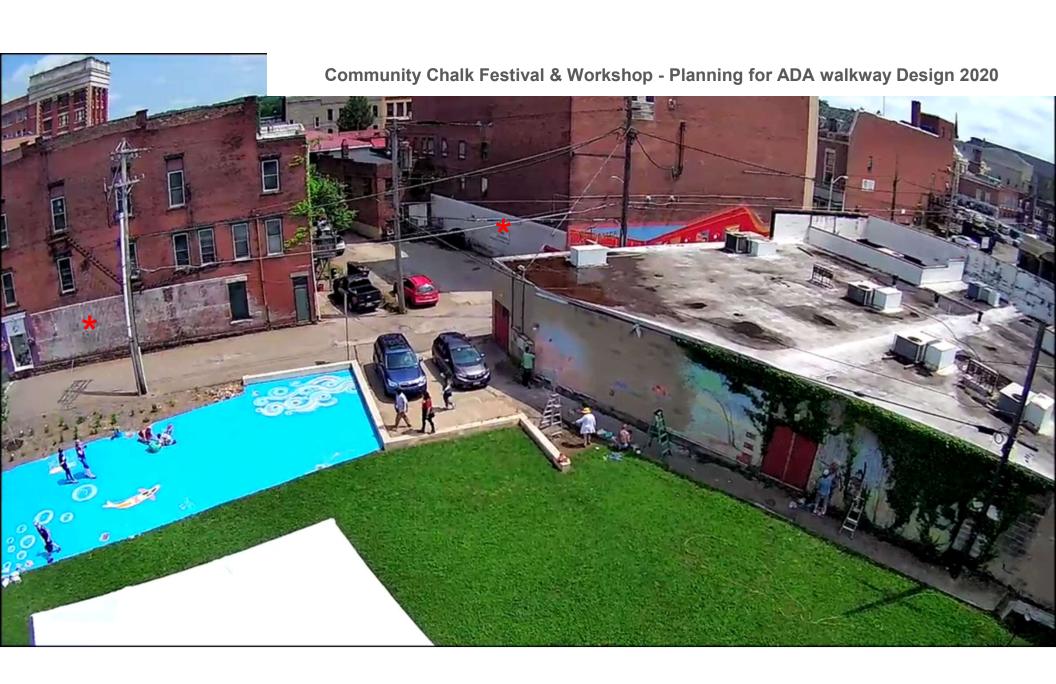
Help Us Imagine the Arc's Community Greenspace in Downtown Meadville Join us ... learn what we're up to ... give us your ideas!

Thursday, April 25, 2019, 5:00 – 6:30 pm at the Arc, 222 Chestnut Street, Meadville PA

Led by the Arc of Crawford County and the Art & Environment Initiative, Allegheny College
Allegheny Students: Rene Benoit '20, Anna Callari '19, Hunter McNutt '21, Anna Campbell Sowden '20, Brady Spaulding '20, and Xuyang Zhang '22









A video of this project is included in my work sample uploads.



A community mural-naming contest resulted in the title "Bloom Where You're Planted."



One of three community mural design events



Starting in 2019, Meadville residents were invited to participate in a series of community events leading to *Bloom Where You're Planted*, a locally designed relief mural on a building adjacent to the project site.









Join Indigo in the ARC Greenspace for a few moments of zen. Peace inducing activities will vary.

PEACE IN

THE PARK

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

12:15-12:45

meditation

sound bath

tranquility







Kids Yoga 2021





at The Arc Community Greenspace



FRIDAY JULY 26TH 11:30AM-1PM

Live music during your lunch break

953 Market Street, Meadville

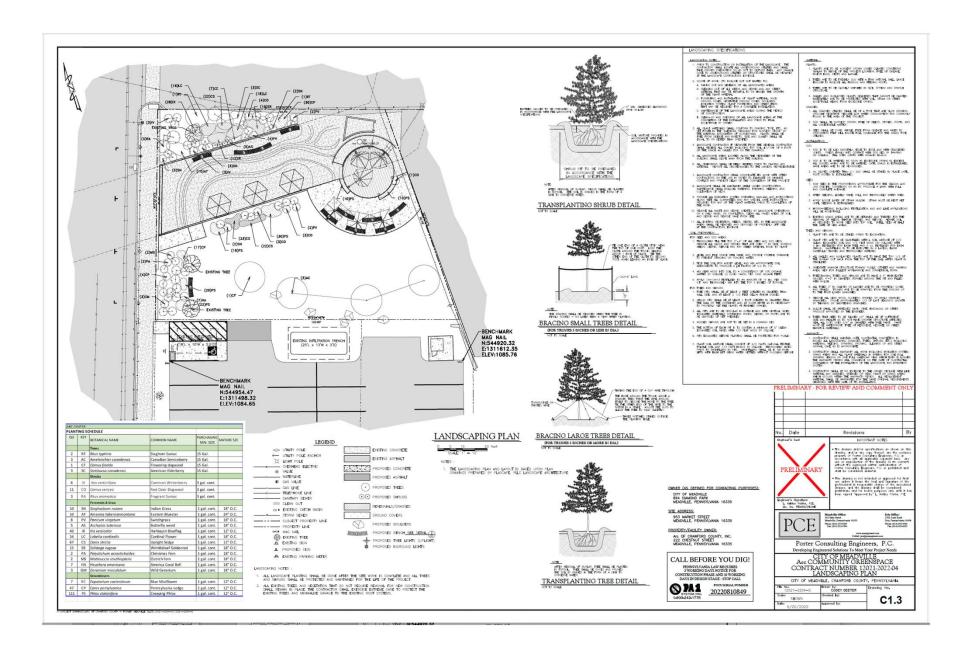
The Arc Community Greenspace Project Site

One block south of Meadville's downtown business district







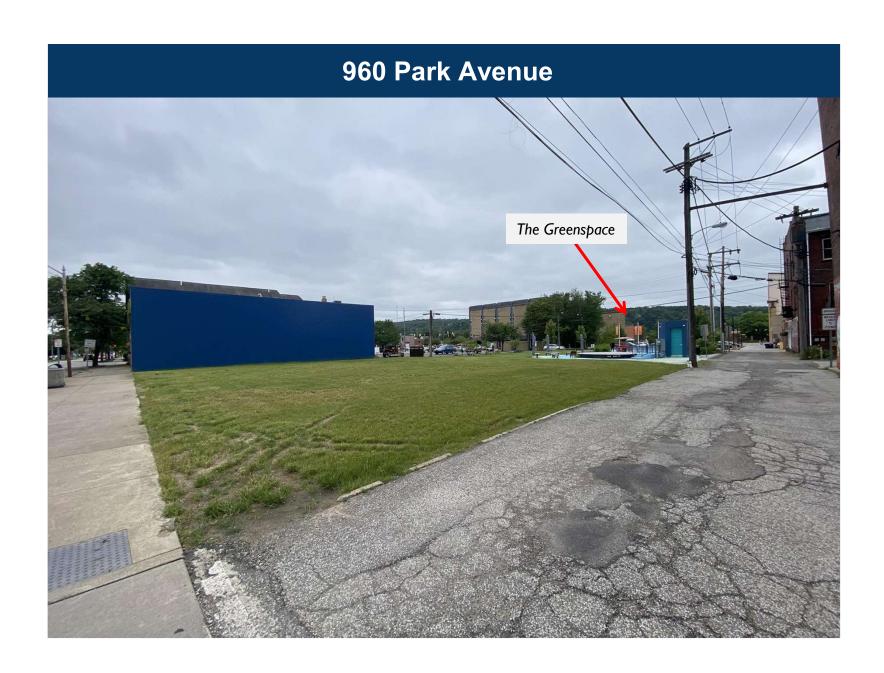




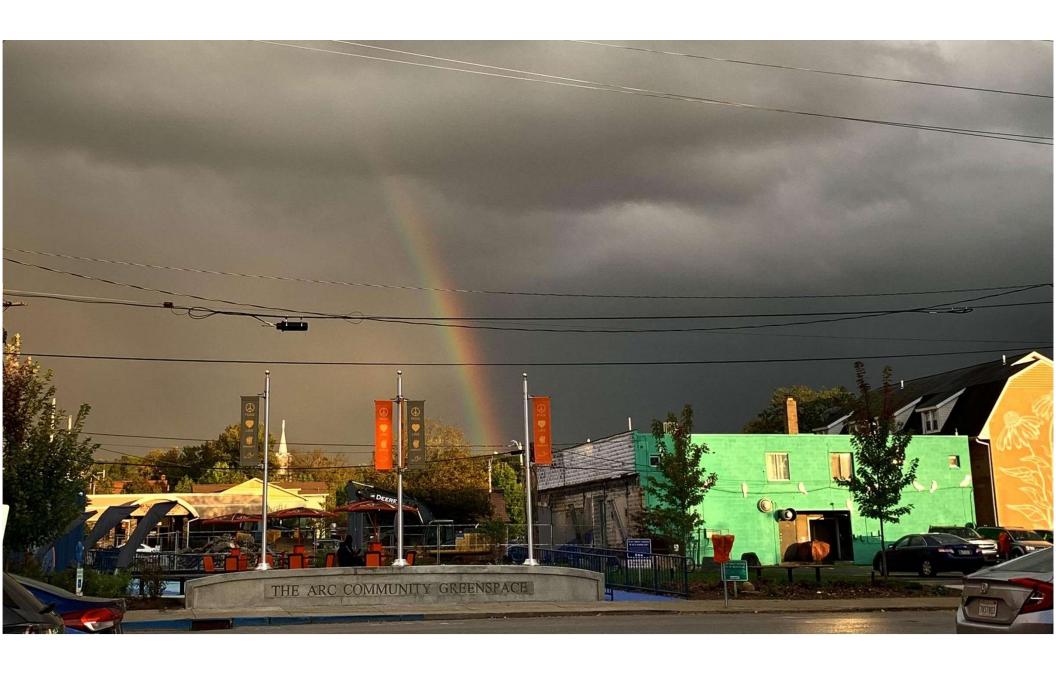












Summary Project Funding

Allegheny College (mural)

The Arc of Crawford County

The Arc Foundation

The Art & Environment Initiative (design and project oversight)

City of Meadville

Erie Arts and Culture: Project Stream Grant (mural)

Marquette Savings Bank

Orton Family/Heart & Soul Mini Grant (mural)

Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA), Creative Communities Initiative

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Keystone Initiative

Pennsylvania Humanities Council (mural)

Porter Consulting Engineers

RDLang Family Foundation



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