

STREETSIDE SOCIAL CENTER

The City of St. Louis still remains to be one of the most racially and economically segregated cities in the United States. Throughout the city there are streets that unconsciously function as barriers between disparate neighborhoods. Placemaking, the multi-faceted approach to creating a public space that functions by, for, and from the community, has been a successful way to help strengthen community ties and create inter-neighborhood pride. Often public spaces become mired down with bureaucracy and "outsider" perspectives; placemaking is the belief that the community knows what is best. The **STREETSIDE SOCIAL CENTER** would be utilizing the philosophy of placemaking to facilitate interactions between cultural and economic boundaries and help activate the community.

The **STREETSIDE SOCIAL CENTER** would initially be located at the existing neighborhood "dividing lines" and would function as a community placemaking site, an activity center, and an information kiosk. The kiosk's content is created by neighbors through both on-site programming and the **EXTERNAL BRIDGE BUILDING** projects.

The **STREETSIDE SOCIAL CENTER** will be an easily recognizable visual beacon and open-air convergence point that is primarily constructed from reused/re-purposed materials that will be found in the center's neighborhood to create an inherent connection to its surroundings. The center will contain a green-roof, recycling receptacles, native plantings, and bicycle racks to promote sustainable living and education.

The **STREETSIDE SOCIAL CENTER** will function as both a vital drawing force and as a physical connector between neighborhoods while providing a framework for relationship building, engagement with place, and a space encouraging creative exploration.

Visit. Interact. Engage. **MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!**

PROJECT GOALS

- Participatory place-making.
- Exploring community history.
- Identifying strengths and weaknesses of neighborhood.
- Encouraging collaborations.
- Facilitating interactions between generations and across cultural and economic borders.
- Visualizing future of community.
- Addressing sustainability issues.
- Improving access to information.

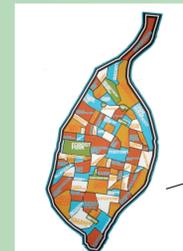
PAVILION

UNIQUE STEEL ROOFTOP SCULPTURE DESIGNED TO CREATE RECOGNITION BETWEEN DIFFERENT STREETSIDE PAVILIONS

GREEN ROOF SYSTEM

SUPPORT/GUTTERS DRAINS TO PLANTERS & BIOSWALE DRAIN SYSTEM

RECYCLING RECEPTACLES



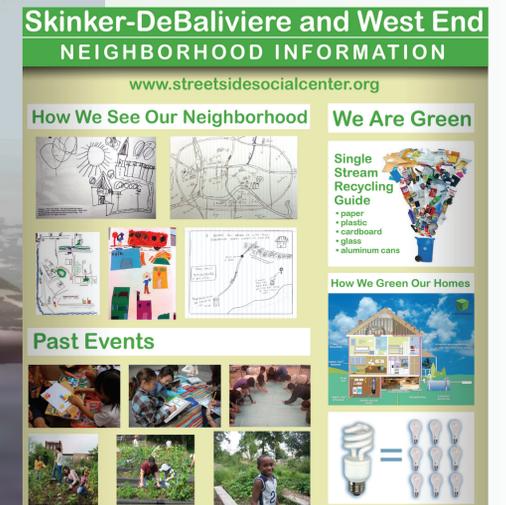
ST. LOUIS NEIGHBORHOOD MAP (DESIGN BY STL-STYLE)



PAVILION PLANTERS & STYLIZED COMPONENTS ARE PREDOMINANTLY CONSTRUCTED FROM FOUND MATERIALS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOODS



ROTATING KIOSK DETAIL



INFORMATION EXAMPLE

BICYCLE RACK



PERSPECTIVE



PROPOSED LOCATION



FRONT ELEVATION



PERSPECTIVE



SIDE ELEVATION



PERSPECTIVE