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Greenfield skate park perspective

Community Design Solutions On The Boards

What are we up to?

Welcome to our "On the Boards" newsletter featuring a quick overview of CDS projects, events, and how we are impacting neighborhoods.

What is CDS?

Community Design Solutions (CDS) is a design center in SARUP that assists communities, agencies, civic groups, and campuses throughout Wisconsin. CDS provides preliminary design and planning services to underserved communities and agencies. Students from SARUP work with Director, Carolyn Esswein, clients and faculty to develop concepts that promote positive change, stimulate funding opportunities, and serve as a catalyst for continued investment.

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Greenfield Skate Park

The South 27th Street Business District Association, in collaboration with the City of Greenfield, wants to redevelop underutilized land adjacent to Loomis Road and Interstate-43. A public skate park on the former site of the nationally renowned Turf skate park would be the catalyst for the project.

Client: S 27th Street Business District

space to celebrate the former Turf, provide a multi-purpose indoor and outdoor skate park for the community, Pro Shop, and exterior area for national skateboarding competitions and events. The building is located so it's visible from the highway and serves as an identity for the area.

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Loomis Redevelopment Concept



Aerial view skate park



Interior skate park with bowl

CONGRATULATIONS SARUP



The School of Architecture and Urban Planning is celebrating 50 years of the establishment of the school at UW-Milwaukee. As the only accredited school in Wisconsin, SARUP takes pride in its many graduates pursuing architecture and urban planning and ever changing the discipline of architecture.

There are a variety of events occurring throughout the year. uwm.edu/sarup/50th/

CDS Website

Past projects, more drawings from current projects, report PDFs, and Online Request for Services. www.uwm.edu/cds



Facebook.com/uwmcds

Urban Neighborhood Concept

Client: City of Verona

The City of Verona continues to explore growth options and new housing, recreation, and retail experiences for their residents. With the EPIC campus bringing more activity to the community, there is interest in developing a town center, with activities for youth, seniors and any age in-between. Five initial site ideas, based on Community Development Authority (CDA) and public feedback, included: a park and community center plan, a makerspace and park concept, a small commercial concept, and a mixed-use plan. Three revised concepts were developed and presented to the CDA and public. Stakeholders preferred a mixed-use plan, with aspects from each of the initial concepts. A community center was a high priority, as well as a public park



Concept 1: Rendered plan Mixed Use

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Concept 1: Residential townhomes and apartments



Concept 1: Community center and park



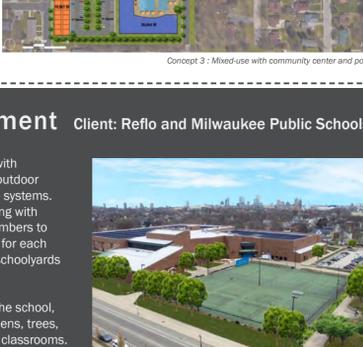
Concept 2: Walking path and park space



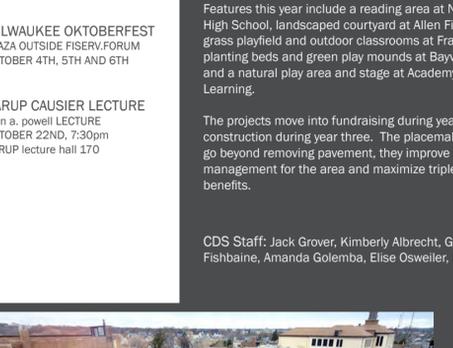
Concept 2: Mixed-use with greenspace and makerspace



Concept 3: Community center and pool



Concept 3: Makerspace Plaza



Concept 3: Gateway retail and housing entry



Concept 3: Mixed-use with community center and pool

EVENTS

RIVERWORKS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 16TH - 21ST

5TH STREET FEST
5TH ST BETWEEN VIRGINIA AND NATIONAL
SEPTEMBER 21ST

HARVEST FAIR
WISCONSIN STATE FAIR PARK
SEPTEMBER 27TH - 29TH

MILWAUKEE OKTOBERFEST
PLAZA OUTSIDE FISERV FORUM
OCTOBER 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH

SARUP CAUSIER LECTURE
John A. Powell LECTURE
OCTOBER 22ND, 7:30pm
SARUP lecture hall 170

Schoolyard Redevelopment

Client: Refo and Milwaukee Public Schools

CDS and Refo are in their third year of working with local schools to convert paved schoolyards into outdoor classrooms, play areas, and green infrastructure systems. The collaborative design process includes meeting with teachers, students, parents, and community members to understand the unique needs and opportunities for each school. The goal is to create greener, healthier schoolyards that serve as an extension to the classroom.



North Division Aerial tennis courts

Each project is tailored to the specific needs of the school, often replacing asphalt with bioswales, rain gardens, trees, raised garden beds, and outdoor play areas and classrooms. Features this year include a reading area at North Division High School, landscaped courtyard at Allen Field Elementary, grass playfield and outdoor classrooms at Frattney, raised planting beds and green play mounds at Bayview Montessori, and a natural play area and stage at Academy for Accelerated Learning.



North Division perspective outdoor patio

The projects move into fundraising during year two and construction during year three. The innovative designs go beyond removing pavement, they improve stormwater management for the area and maximize triple-bottom-line benefits.

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Frattney Aerial view of soccer field



North Division perspective outdoor theater



Frattney perspective outdoor classroom



Frattney perspective outdoor play



Bay View Montessori Aerial track and play spaces



Bay View Montessori perspective track and play spaces



Bay View Montessori perspective raised beds, seating, and natural space



Allen Field soccer field, tot lot and basketball



Allen Field outdoor plaza patio



Allen Field natural tot lot perspective



Academy for Accelerated Learning soccer field, natural play and stage area



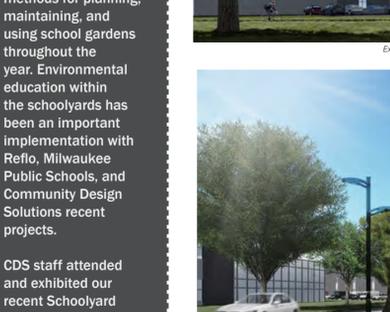
Academy for Accelerated Learning natural tot lot

IMPLEMENTED PROJECT: Columbia Park

Client: Milwaukee recreation, Milwaukee County

Columbia Park Grand Opening showcases a variety of activities and gathering elements from the original CDS design concept. Formerly a top ten park in need of improvements in Milwaukee, construction included a new playground, basketball courts, splash pad and walking path. Located at 1345 W. Columbia Street, one block south of Burlingame, the park is surrounded by residents who wanted to see improvement in their neighborhood.

The original proposal included enhancing the existing courts by resurfacing and adding tiered bench seating. While the basketball courts appeal to teenagers and young adults, half-courts appeal to a younger group of pre-teens. Play structures for kids 5 and older include a variety of color and activities. The various age specific spaces are connected by a variety of spaces that appeal to all age groups. A large splash pad is incorporated into the pavement alongside the primary basketball courts. An open greenspace provides room for alternative programming such as concerts, movies, and plays.



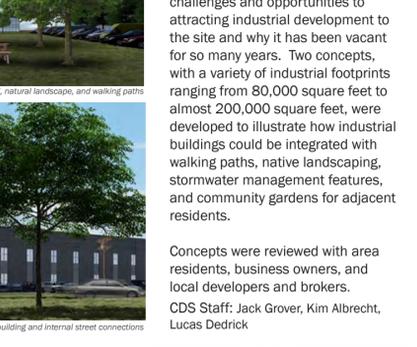
Kids at play on new equipment in Columbia Park. photo credit FoxNow



CDS original rendering of walking track, basketball court and splash pad



Kids at play Columbia Park splash pad grand opening photo credit Urban Milwaukee



CDS original rendering of basketball court and seating



Kids at play Columbia Park splash pad grand opening photo credit Urban Milwaukee

Green Schools Conference

The Green Schools Conference, held August 1, 2019, shared successful strategies and methods for planning, maintaining, and using school gardens throughout the year. Environmental education within the schoolyards has been an important implementation with Refo, Milwaukee Public Schools, and Community Design Solutions recent projects.

CDS staff attended and exhibited our recent Schoolyard projects.

Bacher Farm Industrial Development

Client: Havenwoods Economic Development Corporation



Outdoor seating, natural landscape, and walking paths



Exterior building and internal street connections

The Havenwoods Economic Development Corporation worked with CDS to envision how the northwest side Bacher Farm could be developed. CDS staff interviewed local brokers to understand the challenges and opportunities to attracting industrial development to the site and why it has been vacant for so many years. Two concepts, with a variety of industrial footprints ranging from 80,000 square feet to almost 200,000 square feet, were developed to illustrate how industrial buildings could be integrated with natural landscaping, seating areas, stormwater management features, and community gardens for adjacent residents.

Concepts were reviewed with area residents, business owners, and local developers and brokers. CDS Staff: Jack Grover, Kim Albrecht, Lucas Dedrick

Natural landscaping, seating areas, and walking paths are integrated throughout