

The Arc Community Greenspace



Since 2019 The Arc of Crawford County and the City of Meadville have been transforming a blighted city lot into an art-filled, public space that fosters inclusion while modeling innovations in stormwater design, applications for solar-power and best practices for community-focused public art and placemaking.

The Arc Community Greenspace: *Preliminary 3D Rendering*



The site features an ADA accessible walkway, three solar-powered umbrella tables, and a performance stage with benches and shade umbrellas. The walkway leads visitors through the site, encompassing the performance stage and highlighting a historic, local stream. The site serves as a venue for community events and provides greenspace adjacent to Meadville's downtown. A series of community-informed murals frames the site, addressing slum and blight from adjacent buildings.

The Arc Community Greenspace: *View from the Performance Stage*



3D Rendering by
Place+Scape

The performance stage will provide space for theatre, live music, and other community-organized events in support of arts, culture, and wellness, and inclusive communities.



Solar-powered umbrella tables, installed in December 2021, provide public seating and shelter from the sun. The tables also power phone charging stations and augment free public WiFi.

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Bloom Where You're Planted

A community-inspired relief mural



Before



After



View of *Birds on a Wire* and *Bloom Where You're Planted* from the corner of Market and Arch Streets, a primary gateway into the City of Meadville adjacent to *The Arc Community Greenspace*.

The Arc Community Greenspace: *Community Gatherings*



Family Movie Night, September 2022

For more information on this and other Art & Environment Initiative's placemaking and ecoart projects in Meadville, PA contact ageffen@allegheny.edu and visit <https://www.amarageffenstudios.com/index.php/public-art-practice/>

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