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**Announcement *for* The Arc Community Greenspace**

**Meadville, PA:** On Wednesday December 22, 2021 three solar-powered umbrella tables were delivered and installed at The Arc Community Greenspace. The tables were designed by Enerfusion Inc., located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Each table provides charging stations for electronic devices, seating for five (one ADA-accessible seat), and a shade umbrella that is illuminated beginning at dusk. Public Wi-Fi access will be added in the future.

The tables were purchased with support from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Creative Communities Grant, which was awarded to The Arc of Crawford County in December 2019. Meadville was among the first four communities across the state to receive funding through this program.

The Arc Community Greenspace is being developed through a community collaboration that is transforming a vacant lot in Meadville's historic business district into an inclusive community greenspace. The greenspace will include community-designed public art, environmental interventions to address stormwater management, model the use of solar-powered energy, and support community arts, culture and wellness activities.

In addition to support from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the project has received funding from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources which will be used to create a performance stage, ADA access to the site, ADA parking, and provide for the artistic resurfacing of the Mill Run Walkway where the tables are located. For information please contact The Arc of Crawford County.

You can learn about ongoing progress for this project by following the Art & Environment Initiative on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Art-Environment-Initiative-201453756671735>).