Our Mission

is to create, foster, and preserve affordable space for artists and arts organizations.

Artspace Everett Lofts // Everett, Washington
Building Better (and Healthier) Communities through the Arts

Foundations of Community Strength

- Green Economy
- Arts/Culture
- Life-cycle Housing
- Transportation
- Green Infrastructure
- Health Care
- Education
Where We Do It

at work in the United States
What we build

Live/Work Affordable Housing – 1000+ units
What we build

Working Studio Space
What we build

Large, complex projects
What we build

Small-scale, neighborhood projects
What we build

Single family homes
What We Know

• How to measure the need for arts spaces in a community

• How to align the arts with a variety of public agendas

• How to build effective alliances

• How to assemble complex financing packages

• How to leverage civic resources

• How to keep projects affordable over time
What We Know

• Creative placemaking is innate in what we do

• Healthy communities require the built environment to be part of an integrative approach

• Arts and culture are proven to strengthen an area’s economy – from the neighborhood scale to a regional approach

• It takes collaborative leadership developers/nonprofits/corporations/govt/philanthropy
Green Homes North – Hive Model
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100 lots – foreclosed/tornado damaged
Project Description

- Target AMI - 115% and below
- Purchase Price: $200,000
- Size: 1,670 square feet – two story, three-bedroom, 2 ½ bath with full basement and separate entrance. 2 car detached garage.
- Property Addresses: 2510, 2506, 2500, 2426 Plymouth Avenue North – Willard Hay Neighborhood
- Homes will be LEED Certified
- Financing supported by City of Minneapolis, Pohlad Foundation, Twin Cities Land Bank and Artspace
- Homes will be marketed first to practicing artists and their families.
- Timing – Closing by late October 2013
Plan “A” (original design)
Plan “B” (revised to meet zoning)
Artspace Green Homes North
Elevations
Barriers to Hive Home Development

- Zoning for design originally proposed not possible
- Building code issues with window placement
- Complex coordination of program implementation intimidating to for-profit development community
- No predevelopment funding available
- Perception that North is unsafe, unhealthy place to live
Leadership and long range planning efforts recognize a cross-departmental approach is needed.

Coordination and investments among businesses, foundations, private/nonprofits is growing.

Programs and models such as Green Homes North/HIVE Homes shifting market perception in North Minneapolis.
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