Green to Grow:
Sustainable Practices to Benefit Low-Income Communities

The Big Green Block

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3. Shissler Temperance Hall
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1. Art/Gateway*
2. New Sidewalk and Curb
3. Blair Street Sidewalk Extension
4. New Parking Area Sheets into Basins
5. Stormwater Education Murals
6. Vegetated Infiltration Gardens
7. Educational Signage*
8. New Pathway Access to EL Station
9. Improved Sports Field
10. Stormwater Tree Trenches
11. New Trees
12. Improved Spray Park*
13. Under-Court Stormwater Retention*
14. Tot Playing Field*
15. Dog Park*

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outcomes

• 22,000 square feet of green roof
• 1,000,000 gallons of water captured
• Public transit stop increased ridership by 400%
• More accessible
• Increased users of site
• Engaged residents
• Stabilized community
• Protected public investments
• Spurred market growth
concerns for the future

• Maintaining affordability
• Translating site for users around green infrastructure
• Programs to unite various users and communities