What is a Sacred Place?

Sacred Places are public green spaces designed to reconnect people in nature in ways you may not expect. (As in, not for sports!)

Design Elements

Path
A defined path or space that is engaging, aesthetically pleasing and supports nature-oriented activities

Destination
A defined space that provides a unique experience that is connected to community needs

Sense of Surround
A constant reminder of our surroundings and the environment

Sense of Place
A physical space that connects to the natural environment

Vision
Every Sacred Place needs a Vision: an unbridled commitment to create a living ecosystem that will grow and morph over the years in wonderful ways.

Envision

Step 1
You've got the fire. Maybe you've identified a perfect spot begging for an open, Sacred Place. Maybe you'd like to see your community come together more. Maybe you’re a Firecracker!

Proclaim thyself a community leader. And know that you’re onto something really amazing.

Identify the space. Is it publicly owned? Is there a source for water nearby? Get the scoop.

Chat with your neighbors. Other community-minded residents + leaders: are they in?

Grab an institutional partner. It can help to hook up with a school, spiritual organization or nonprofit to move things forward.

Think on funding. Start exploring potential grant opportunities or other means to secure the funding needed. Reach out to Nature Sacred to see if your project is ready to become an official Sacred Place.

Create

Step 2

Research local landscape architects. Narrow down to at least two who align with your vision.

Draw a plan. Your new friends above will help you draft and estimate creative concepts.

Secure Funding. Grants, fundraisers, partnerships.

Dream up uses + programming. What kinds of events would be amazing to keep things humming?

Collaborate

Step 3

Invite the community in—early! And often. Charettes are helpful community sessions that ensure all voices are heard.

Refine your plan. Forbeses the Sacred Place budget and work with your landscape architect and your peers until its solid and achievable.

Launch with gusto! Celebrate this community event with flair.

Thrive. Maintain the gardens + keep the events coming! And... you go.

Listen & remain connected with neighbors & stakeholders as you go.

Grow

Step 4

Launch with gusto! Celebrate this community event with flair. Invite everyone.

Thrive. Maintain the gardens + keep the events coming! And explore our website for tips, ideas and inspiration.

Listen & remain connected with neighbors & stakeholders as you go.

Watch. Learn. Share. Evolve. Your Sacred Place is a living ecosystem that will grow and morph over the years in wonderful ways.

How do I make one?

A simple, organic 4-step process.

1. Envision
2. Create
3. Collaborate
4. Grow

How to get started?

1. Identify the space
2. Secure partners
3. Secure funding
4. Launch!