

The Urban Habitat Project (UHP) at the Buffalo Central Terminal

The UHP is designed as a sustainable sites development, native habitat restoration, environmental educational tool and a community economic engine for the Buffalo Central Terminal property and surrounding East Side community.

The UHP will also connect developments along Buffalo's Green Triangle; from the Olmsted MLK Park, down Olmsted's Fillmore Ave., connecting the Wilson St Farm and CUFF developments, then the UHP itself and the Central Terminal, down through the Larkin and Hydraulic District and continuing on down to River Bend, Buffalo River/Smith St. launch, SBOA and extending out westerly to Canal Side, Tiff and the Outer Harbor.

The UHP will be developed with complete LID – Low Impact Development methods and will be videoed, photographed and fully documented with the intent to use as a future educational tool and hand-off the specifications to be used in another Buffalo community.

The site is located on a 3 acre parcel privately owned by the CTRC – a 501c3 NFP.

The UHP will feature, among others: masses of native plantings that demonstrate various eco-zones in the regional environment; instant impact plantings and construction; wetlands demonstration area; green roof on the educational gazebo; permeable concrete areas for some paths; solar power; natural regeneration area; native wildflower annex (already constructed); bat conservation and numerous habitats for resident and migrating birds – as well as conservation areas to support the existing local fauna within that community: red fox, deer, turkey, weasel, woodchuck, rabbits and birds of prey.

The UHP will be constructed such so as to be a unique demonstration example to WNY large commercial developers as to how a true Low Impact and Sustainable Sites project can be implemented. LEED criteria will be exceeded at every construction phase.

The UHP is in need of local support and most of all financing. Further details are available on request.