Our goal is to make the American inner city better.

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Urban Patch has a simple but powerful mission, to help make the American inner city better. Our work uses what we call a “past forward” approach that brings the rich legacy of our community’s past in building strong and resilient neighborhoods forward to today and the future by using holistic models of social, environmental and economic community development. Our projects have ranged from saving long-abandoned and foreclosed homes in the inner city to turning vacant lots into community spaces that can provide fresh and healthy food or ecological benefits, and to education programs that teach people how to take care of their families’ health, improve their community and steward their urban environment.
MID-NORTH LAND USE AND VACANCY PATTERNS

LAND USE
- **VACANT:** 397 Parcels = 50 Acres
- **PUBLIC OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT:** 234 Parcels = 526 Acres
- **PARCELS WITH LOWER ASSESSMENTS** (Valued at less than $500,000 per Acre) = 1617 Parcels = 364 Acres (Public Property not included)
- **ZONING VARIANCES:** 592 Cases = 365 Parcels = 405 Acres
- **VACANT ADDRESSES** (Jan2011_USPS) = 561 Parcels = 79 Acres
- **BROWNFIELDS:** 35 Parcels = 320 Acres (Fair Grounds Included)

Source: Indianapolis Dept. of Metropolitan Development
Phase 1: projects are within walking distance

HISTORIC MERIDIAN PARK - DELAWARE PROJECT
foreclosure home rehabilitation

FALL CREEK GARDENS - STONE SOUP GARDEN
1 acre community garden

MFC - PARK GARDEN
5200 sf permaculture garden
Support and programming for a 1-acre community garden
COLLABORATION W/ FALL CREEK GARDENS

MAPLETON FALL CREEK

Sunflower mural project with volunteer students from Shortridge High School
Volunteers helping install the garden (during a drought!)
The project created a new permaculture green space providing fresh fruit, herbs & flowers for the community.
OUR PARTNERS

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BUILD INDIY

CITY AS LIVING LABORATORY
Framework for a 21st Century City

FORTE HOMES

ACGA
We use social media and crowdfunding campaigns to support our projects, programming and to get new volunteers.
IDEAS

Crossroads: Indy Plan 2020 City Corps
Indy Redbud Project: IndyHub 5x5 Grant Winner

image credit: IndyHub 5x5
Indy Redbud Project: S

Indianapolis DMD’s map of vacant lots

Cty-owned lots at 31st and Ruckle in Mapleton Fall Creek

- 3103 Ruckle
- 3101 Ruckle

Near Northside

- 31st Street
- Ruckle Street
- School Bus Stop
- Park Avenue

Indianapolis DMD’s map of vacant lots

- Patio (existing)
- Seating/platform structure
- Existing tree
- Redbud grove tree (to be transplanted)

31st Street

REDBUD GROVE

workshop patio

gathering area / culture corner

31st Street
Indy Redbud Project: M

The IRP creates new urban tree canopy that improves the environment and bolsters community identity.
The Indy Redbud Project is a community identity and environmental art initiative that over time will help to unify our neighborhoods and restore the urban tree canopy with redbuds and other shade trees.

HELP US TO HELP INDIY BLOOM!

Name
Email
Phone
Street
Message
WHAT IS IT ABOUT? About people. About their needs. Their abilities. The land they live on. The land they till. The food they grow. About the cities they live in. About the jobs they do. How they do them. And about the houses in which they live. About what people know. And don’t know. And what they ought to know. Ought to know to help make America still greater.

- Flanner House New Frontier Plan
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