

ReNEW Cleanup, City Property Repair and Graffiti Repair

(Identified by Lower Northside Depot NA – proposed Mural Project)

The **Lower Northside Depot Neighborhood Association** along with the mural artist (Adem Faeth) have identified 19 locations for potential murals on the Northside of La Crosse. We are seeking permission to allow ReNEW to cleanup some of the sites that we have identified for murals that are on city land while still developing the plan for the mural project.

500 Rose Street

The tree line along the rail road tracks from the fence to the top of the hill.

General site cleanup. Remove trash, remove overgrowth (scrub brush and sapling), remove weeds and trimming trees, then would add landscaping felt and bark in this area. Unless the city would like to install some more permanent lower maintenance solution like rock.

The east side of Rose Street bridge, top of hill to railroad tracks.

They would be removing trash, remove overgrowth (scrub brush and saplings), remove weeds and trimming trees.

Copeland Park

The north wall, underpass and area by boat dock.

General site cleanup. Remove trash, remove overgrowth (scrub brush and saplings), remove weeds and trimming trees.

Copeland Ave

The area between Copeland Ave and the Waste Management Building at 409 Island St.

General site cleanup. Remove trash, remove overgrowth (scrub brush and saplings) and remove weeds (maybe).

Note:

The ability to accomplish any or all of these projects depend on the number of volunteers ReNew has, the numbers of applicants for other ReNEW projects and the weather. This request is being made so that if ReNEW has extra resources (manpower) available and no other identified projects that we have a place to utilize them to improve the Northside.

There are other city owed properties that ReNEW could be utilized to cleanup also and can be identified and proposed, as needed.

City property in need of repair.

The street light under Rose Street bridge (South side).

The light does not work and the light fixture is broken. This light should be replaced and relocated away from the ledge under the bridge, so that people can not damage the light fixture.

The light(s) at the entrance to the tunnel under George Street (Saint James St).

The light does not work and the light fixture is broken.

The cameras in the tunnel under George Street (Saint James St).

They are currently spray painted over and are believed to be non functioning (per Neighborhood Resource Officers).

Train Wait Station (Liberty and St Cloud).

All of the glass in the wait station is either missing, weathered or has graffiti on it.

Proposed Standardization of Graffiti Covering.

As part of taking pictures for the mural project we discovered multiple different colors, shapes and techniques used to cover graffiti. This has the unintentional consequence of creating a type of graffiti of its own. So we would also like to propose that the city standardize on how and what color paint is used when covering graffiti as not to unintentionally create graffiti of its own.

A more global standardization of color for bridges, bridge abutments, bridge structural steel, guard rails (concrete or metal), railings, etc for the entire city of La Crosse might be a better way of approaching this issue.

One of the core objectives of neighborhood associations is “**Beautification**” of our neighborhoods. This cleanup and repair request is hopefully the first step in accomplishing the mural project that is being developed by the Lower Northside Depot Neighborhood Association and the artist Adem Faeth.

Please see attached images







