

NNIP Milwaukee Neighborhood Tours

Thursday afternoon, 3:45 -5p.m.

1. Lindsey Heights Neighborhood - *Health, Wellness and Neighborhood Revitalization on Milwaukee's North Side*

In economically isolated communities like Lindsay Heights, the need for economic, physical and spiritual healing is critical to overall neighborhood revitalization. The ZIP codes of 53205 and 53206 have the highest emergency room visit rates for mental health in the city, coinciding with some of the highest rates of poverty and incarceration in the country. Walnut Way Conservation Corp., a neighborhood-based nonprofit known for its innovative work in economic and environmental health and wellness, leads the charge in redeveloping blighted homes and commercial properties, transforming vacant lots into gardens and orchards, growing successful social enterprises, and creating a hub for health and enterprise. Models for regenerative farming, community cultural development, and agricultural enterprises can be found nearby at Alice's Garden and Fondy Market, the largest agricultural market in the city. The work is deeply rooted in civic engagement, environmental stewardship, and creating venues for prosperity. Lindsay Heights was recently designated as the city's first "ECO Tour" neighborhood, and green infrastructure projects abound. Lindsay Heights is one of three neighborhoods in the Zilber Neighborhood Initiative (ZNI) funded by the Zilber Family Foundation. Data You Can Use is the lead researcher for ZNI. The Executive Director of Walnut Way, Antonio Butts, and the CEO of the Zilber Family Foundation, Gina Stilp are among the featured speakers. This is primarily a walking tour with bus transit to and from the neighborhood.

2. Martin Luther King Drive - *The Impact of Downtown Development on Milwaukee's near Northside Commercial District*

Over the last 10 years, there has been a large-scale effort to develop and redevelop large segments of the downtown, including the new NBA Milwaukee Bucks arena, a \$600 million development, located on the northern edge of downtown Milwaukee. To leverage these opportunities, the City of Milwaukee, the Greater Milwaukee Committee, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee Urban League and many others collaborated on a "Greater Downtown Action Agenda" with a focus on neighborhoods adjacent to the downtown. Inclusion of the neighborhoods is especially significant, because Milwaukee's neighborhoods are in extreme distress due to historical divestment exacerbated by segregation and the historical impact of red-lining. Martin Luther King Drive tells the story of the changes and opportunities facing these neighborhoods in the wake of massive downtown development, new transportation

infrastructure, and the emergence of home-grown talent as African-American real estate developers and entrepreneurs re-imagine the neighborhood. This tour features an overview of downtown development, gentrification in Brewers Hill, the re-emergence of Bronzeville, the MLK Business Improvement District, minority real estate developers and contractors, and the new headquarters of Bader Philanthropies, a blighted commercial district at the top of MLK Drive. The geography of this tour coincides with the Turning the Corner Research led by Data You Can Use. Presenters include the Martin Luther King Drive BID's Executive Director, Deshea Agee, MKE United Director Tony Panciera, and other community leaders. This tour is primarily "on the bus" with opportunities to get off to explore areas of interest.

3. Walker's Point and Harbor District - *Economic growth in Milwaukee's former southside manufacturing district*

Just south of downtown lies the Walker's Point and Harbor District neighborhoods. These two neighborhoods have historically been the hub of manufacturing for Milwaukee with many of the largest local industrial companies getting their start here. Deindustrialization brought decades of decline and disinvestment. More recently, economic forces from downtown and south shore neighborhoods have converged on this part of the city and has attracted new investment. The previously industrial area of Walker's Point is now an active entertainment corridor known for LGBT bars, craft breweries, and trendy locavore brunch spots. The iconic Allen-Bradley Clock Tower is a socioeconomic divider. South of the tower, the neighborhood transitions to a mix of single family and duplex homes inhabited by working-class and mostly Latino residents. Just east of both neighborhoods is the Harbor District, a major planning initiative to revitalize the area economically, environmentally, and socially for the next century. The Harbor District has been at the center of the region's prosperity for hundreds of years – first as a rice marsh with plentiful fish and game, then as an economic hub that served industries throughout the state. Now, much of its land sits abandoned or in disrepair, its waterways are polluted – but its potential is immense. The geography of this tour coincides with the Turning the Corner Research led by Data You Can Use, and features the winner of their Data Day, *Data Dream* award. Speakers include the Harbor District's Planning Director, Dan Adams, the City of Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority, Long-Range Planning Manager, Sam Leichtling, and local entrepreneurs and leaders. This is primarily a bus tour with opportunities to get off the bus at points of interest.

All tours will offer the option of a final stop at the Milwaukee Public Market located in the Third Ward, just two blocks south the hotel. Outside the bustling culinary market, guests can also enjoy a wide variety of restaurants, bars and shops for dinner or evening stroll.

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