



Chris Gent | Landscape Studio

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Senn Park Unity Garden
Chicago, IL

Design | Lead:

- Taught Alternative's Afterschool students about the design process
- Worked with the students and community vision uses and final design of the site
- Conceptual and Schematic Design
- Landscape Design
- Supervised site construction

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Clients: Chicago Park District,
Project Dates: 1995 - 1996
Budget: \$30,000
Design Firm: CG|LS



In the fall of 1995 Chris Gent | Landscape Studio was hired to teach students from an after school youth program about the design process. A vacant lot owned by the Chicago Park District covered with brambly plants, weeds and trash was chosen to apply what they had learned.

During the winter of 1996, representatives from the Chicago Park District gathered high school students, neighbors, families, seniors, and block clubs to community meetings that focused on what the neighborhood wanted out of the space. Through these meetings, the community agreed on a site that featured an earthen berm "bench" where people could perform or sit and enjoy the space, and a dozens of community garden plots.

Today, this lot is filled with community gardening plots for residents to use and an earthen berm performance space. The success of the garden has much to do with how it was planned and the community participation throughout the entire planning process.



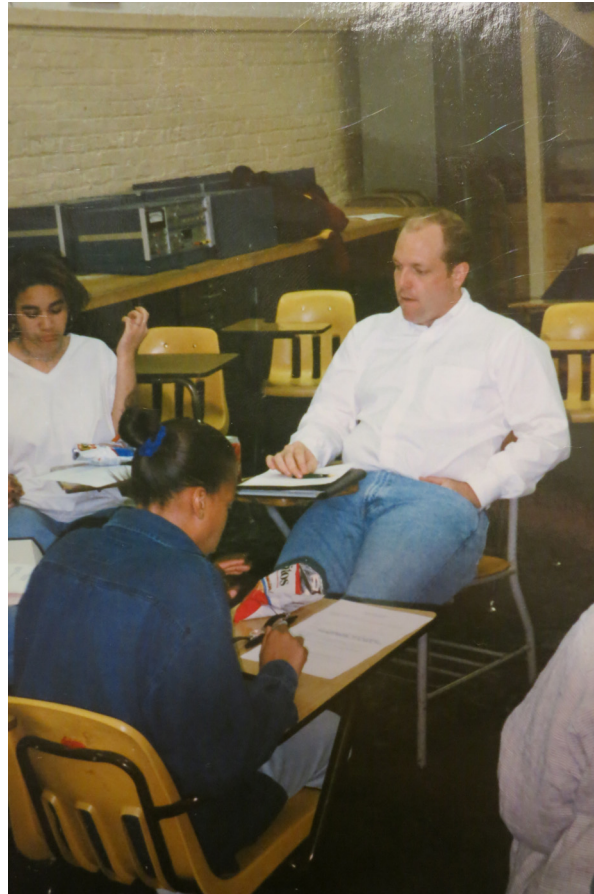
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