



# WESTOWNE SQUARE MINI GARDEN

## SUMMARY

Promote wellness and sustainability through gardening, community engagement, and research.

## DESCRIPTION

The Westowne Square Mini Garden is a small-scale gardening project that provides high-impact engagement and learning opportunities related to food and wellness, environmental management, sustainability, community development, and more.



## MILESTONES

**Fall 2016:** Meet with stakeholders and assemble an interdisciplinary team of students, staff, faculty, and community partners.

**Spring 2017:** Install two garden beds by Alumni Memorial Union. The hope is that this mini garden will lead to a larger-scale Innovation Garden at Wild J Commons Residence Hall.

**Summer 2017:** Manage garden, work with Facilities and Engineering to install soil sensors for research purposes, work with Marquette Wellness, Groundwork Milwaukee, and Active Minds to plan engaging Homecoming Week event.

## ABOUT OUR TEAM

### Aidan Flanagan

Project Director

### Brent Ribble

Campus Sustainability Coordinator

### Dr. Anthony Parolari

Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering

### Antoine Carter

Groundwork Milwaukee Program Director

Aidan Flanagan (Health Sciences, 2018) envisioned the original Innovation Garden, which inspired the smaller-scale Westowne Square Mini Garden. Brent Ribble helped with planning and implementation. Dr. Anthony Parolari planned and funded the engineering research project that is being conducted in the garden. Antoine Carter provided gardening knowledge and community engagement opportunities.



## BEYOND BOUNDARIES

The Westowne Square Mini Garden provides opportunities for high-impact, interdisciplinary research and learning. It also promotes inclusive community engagement, wellness, and sustainability. It serves as a successful pilot for a larger-scale Innovation Garden.