

NIDC Completes Healing Spaces Pathways Refresh Project

Over the past season, the Neighborhood Improvement and Development Corporation (NIDC) continued its commitment to strengthening Milwaukee's Healing Spaces by focusing on one of the most important elements of public access: safe, welcoming, and ADA accessible pathways. Five Healing Spaces that were most in need of upgrades received complete pathway transformations refreshing each environment and ensuring that all community members can move through the spaces comfortably and confidently. These improvements were about more than aesthetics. Worn and uneven walkways create barriers for seniors, families with strollers, individuals using mobility devices, and anyone navigating outdoor terrain. By redoing the pathways, NIDC ensured that access and comfort remained at the heart of each Healing Space's purpose: to be open, inclusive, and healing for everyone

The difference between "before" and "after" is striking. Some of these spaces faced recent challenges that made the upgrades especially meaningful. Fresh pathways now highlight the natural beauty, calm atmosphere, and community driven care that define each Healing Space.

Healing Spaces with New Pathways:

- Adam's Park – (3740 N Doctor M.L.K. Jr. Drive)
- The Breathing Space – (2571 N 2nd Street)
- Seniors Transforming the Neighborhood – (2475 N 5th Street)
- Promising Harambee – (3123 N Buffum Street)
- Sculpture Garden – (2868 N Richards Street)

These improvements reflect a collective investment in the neighborhoods they serve. While planning and coordinating the work, NIDC collaborated with local partners and ensured that community needs were centered throughout the process. Each renewed pathway represents more than construction it symbolizes care, accessibility, and stewardship. Thanks to these upgrades, visitors can now experience these Healing Spaces with greater ease, safety, and pride. These refreshed environments invite community members to walk, gather, reflect, and heal just as they were always meant to.



The results of the new pathways installed at the Breathing Spaces, including opening the space for accessible entrance from both sides.



The Breathing Space before the new pathways were installed in the space



The new pathways installed at Seniors Transforming the Neighborhood