UPP Arts

- Our mission is to engage artists and communities in public art-making for the purpose of celebrating and building stewardship of our shared environment.

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Initial sign project that introduced artist Holly Ewald to Mashapaug Pond
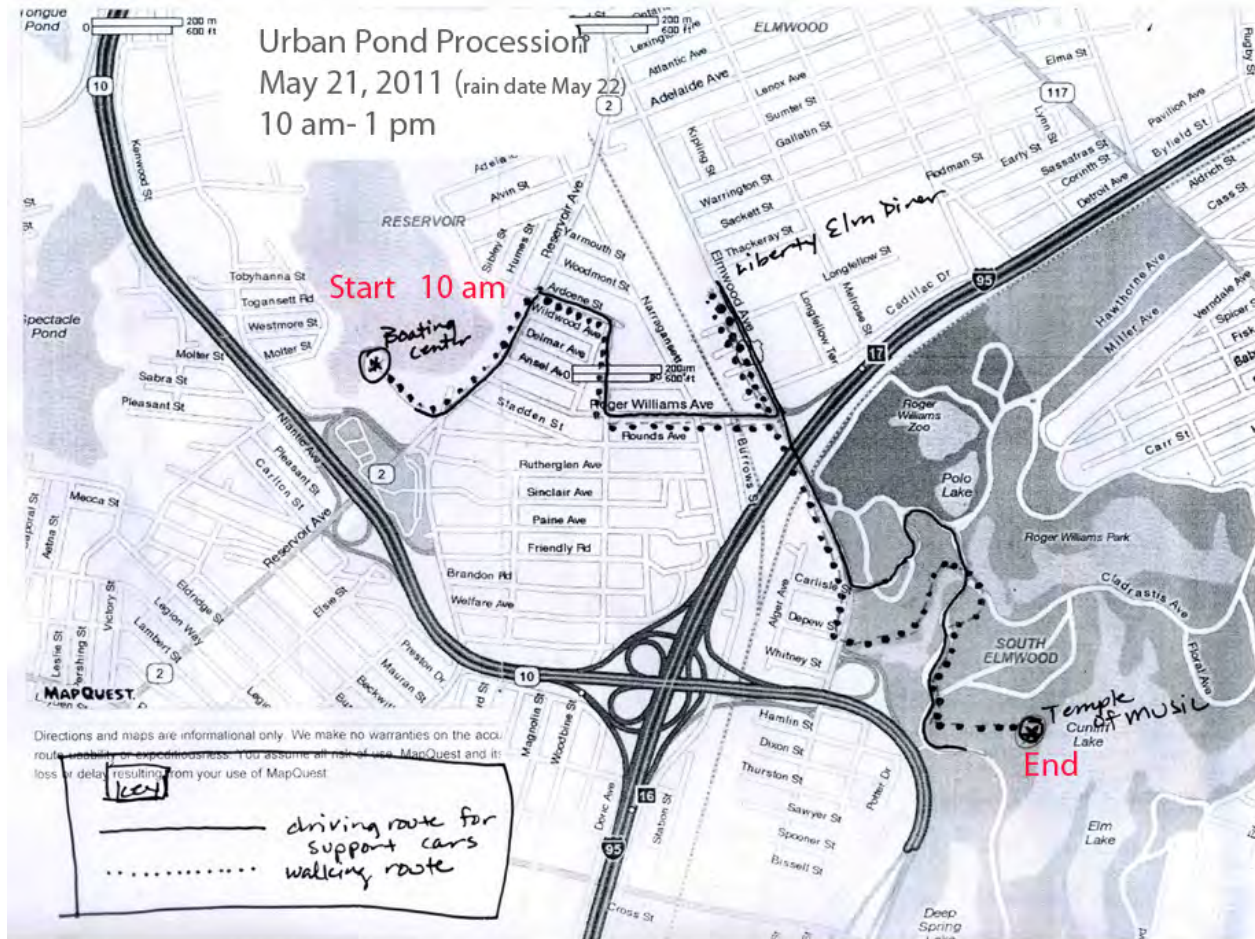
2008
First Urban Pond Procession

2012
Urban Pond Procession

Big Nazo Puppets join us every year

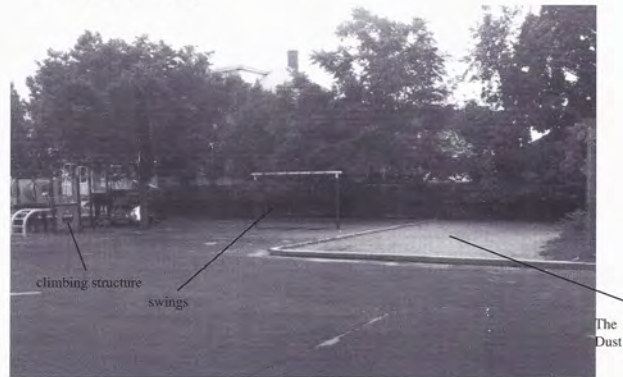# Procession route connecting Mashapaug Pond to its natural outflow, Roosevelt Lake in Roger Williams Park

From Dust Bowl to Oasis

An interactive play-space designed by 4th and 5th graders keeping storm drain runoff in mind – Reservoir Avenue School
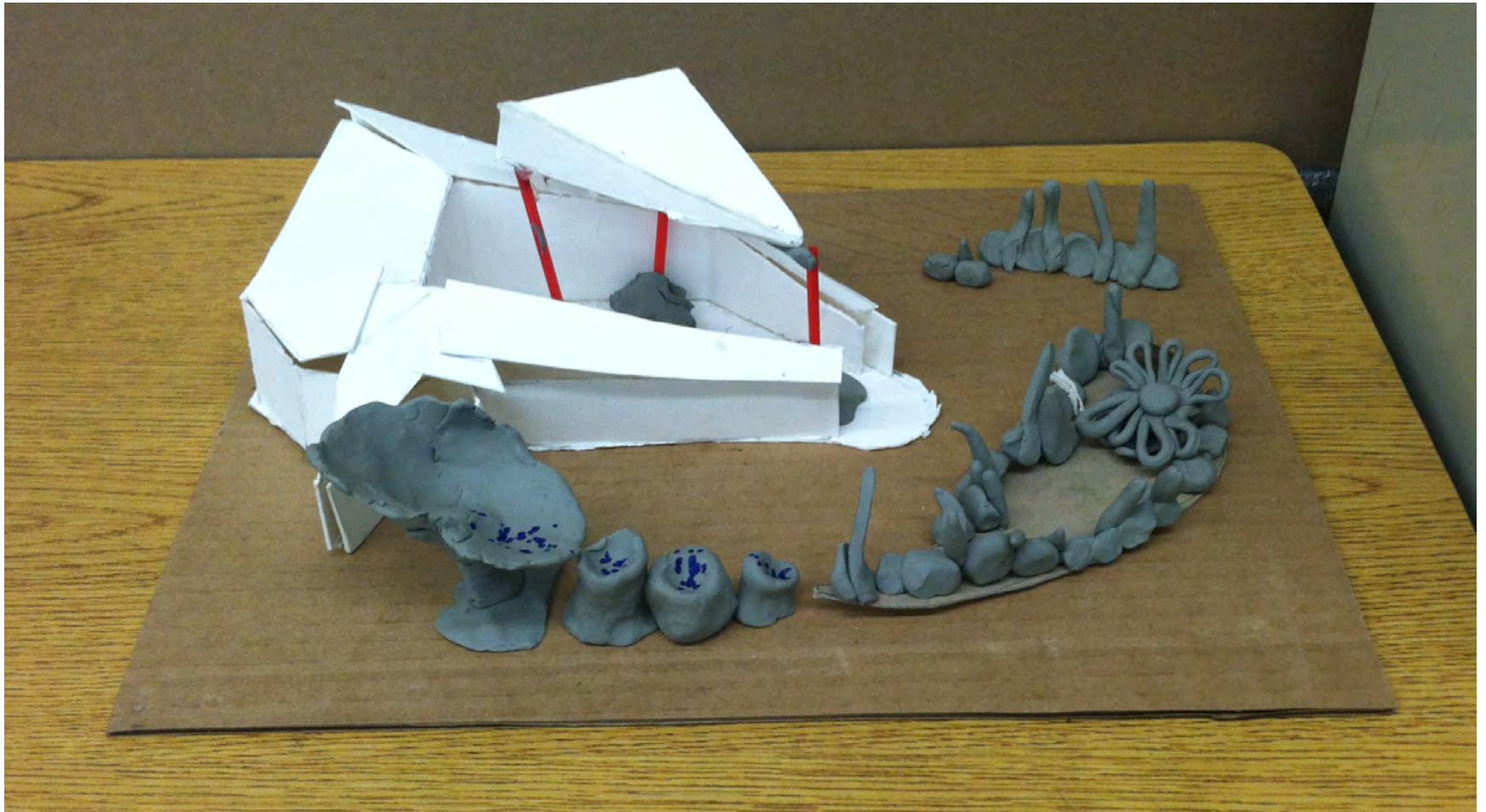
Digital translation of student design by teaching artists
Josh Lantzy and Jamie Topper
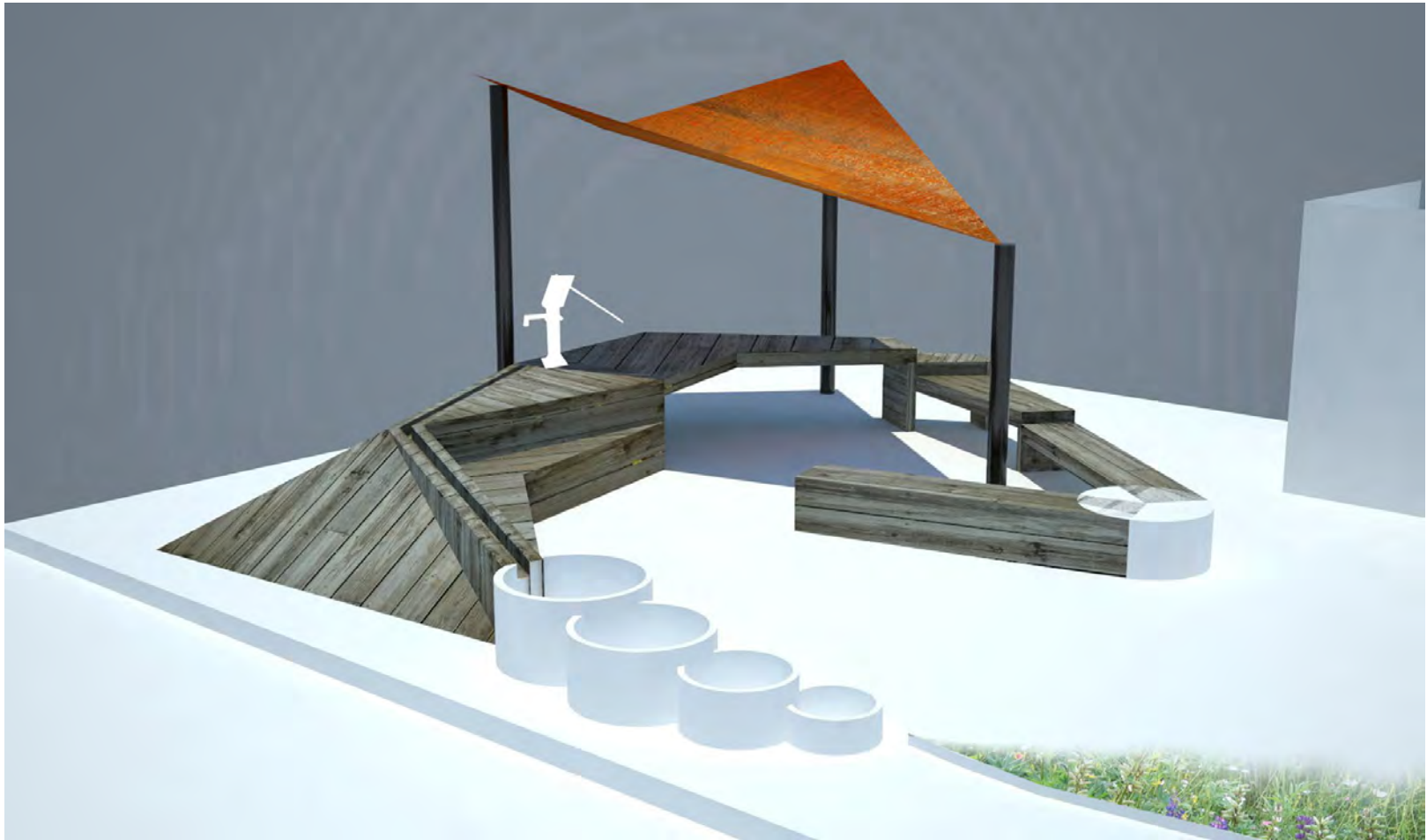
Parents and neighbors pitch in to build phase I under the direction of Down City Design

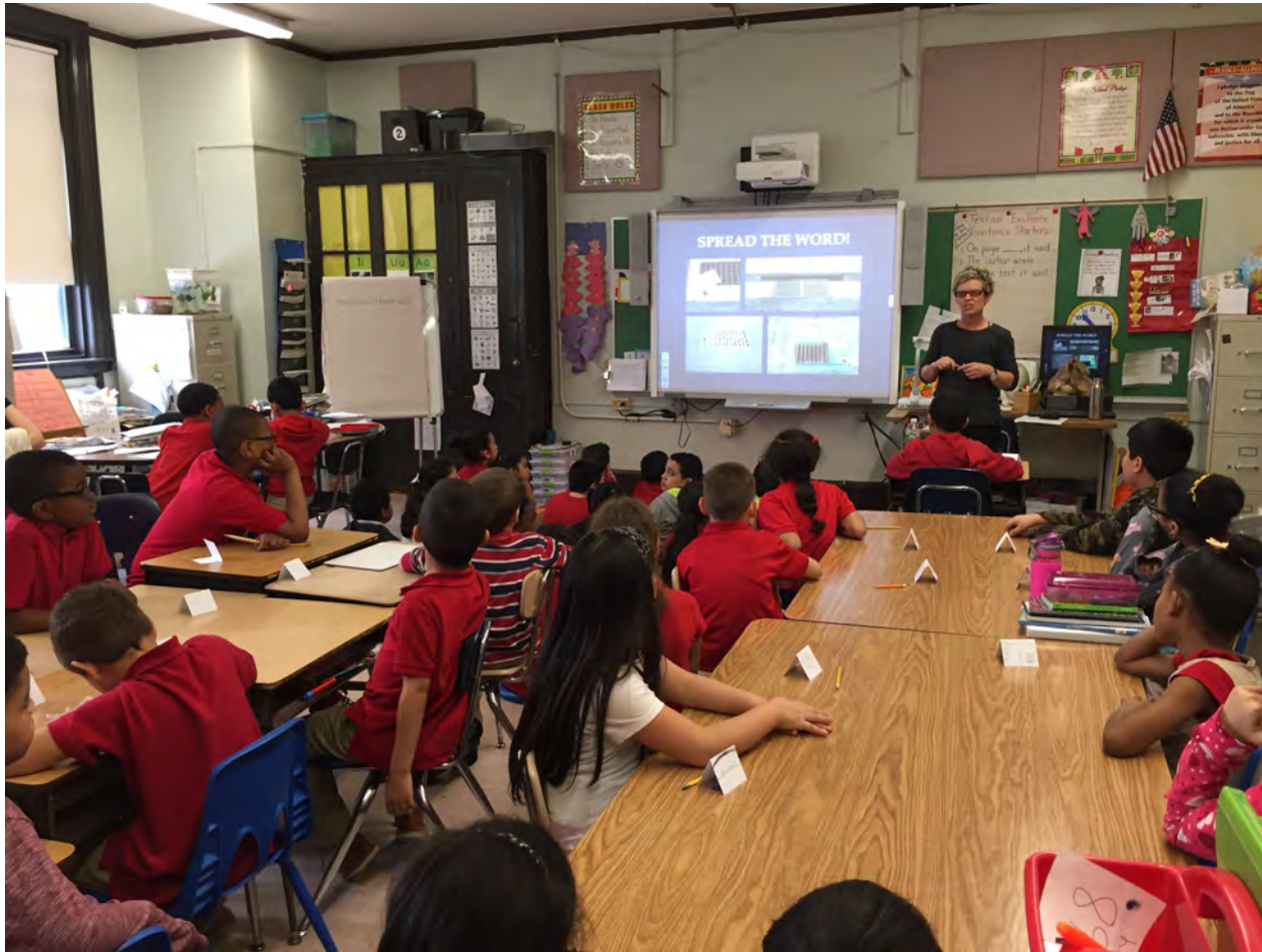# Reading buddies – Students using the platform, or Phase 1, of the Oasis build
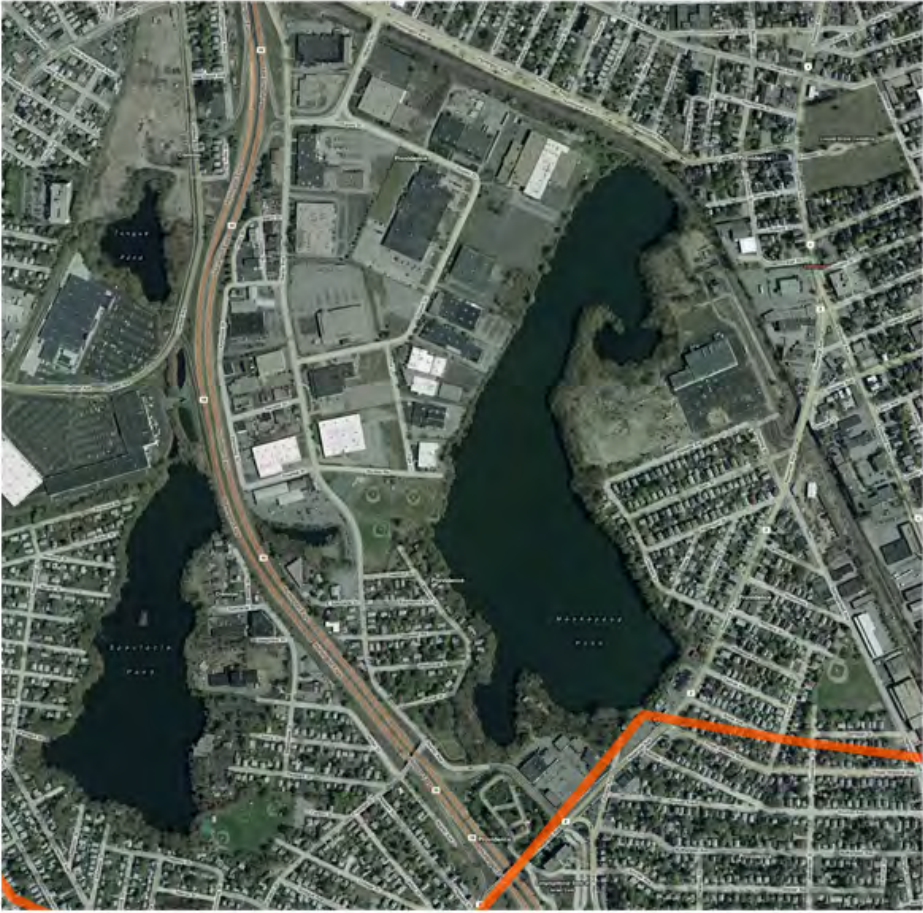
Phase 2 under construction

Planning for Phase 3, a rain garden,
with 50 Reservoir Avenue School second graders and
Kate Lacouture (Green Circle Design)

Former West Elmwood Neighborhood or "Across the Tracks", now the Huntington Business Park gets a Commemorative Orchard

"There were so many fruit trees
you could eat your way through the neighborhood."
Painting from memory of the old neighborhood by Mike Freeman,
resident of old West Elmwood

Huntington Business Park built in 1962, displaced roughly 500 families

Collaboration with Brown University Public Humanities
Oral History class and UPP Arts produced a pop-up installation
recognizing the lost neighborhood.

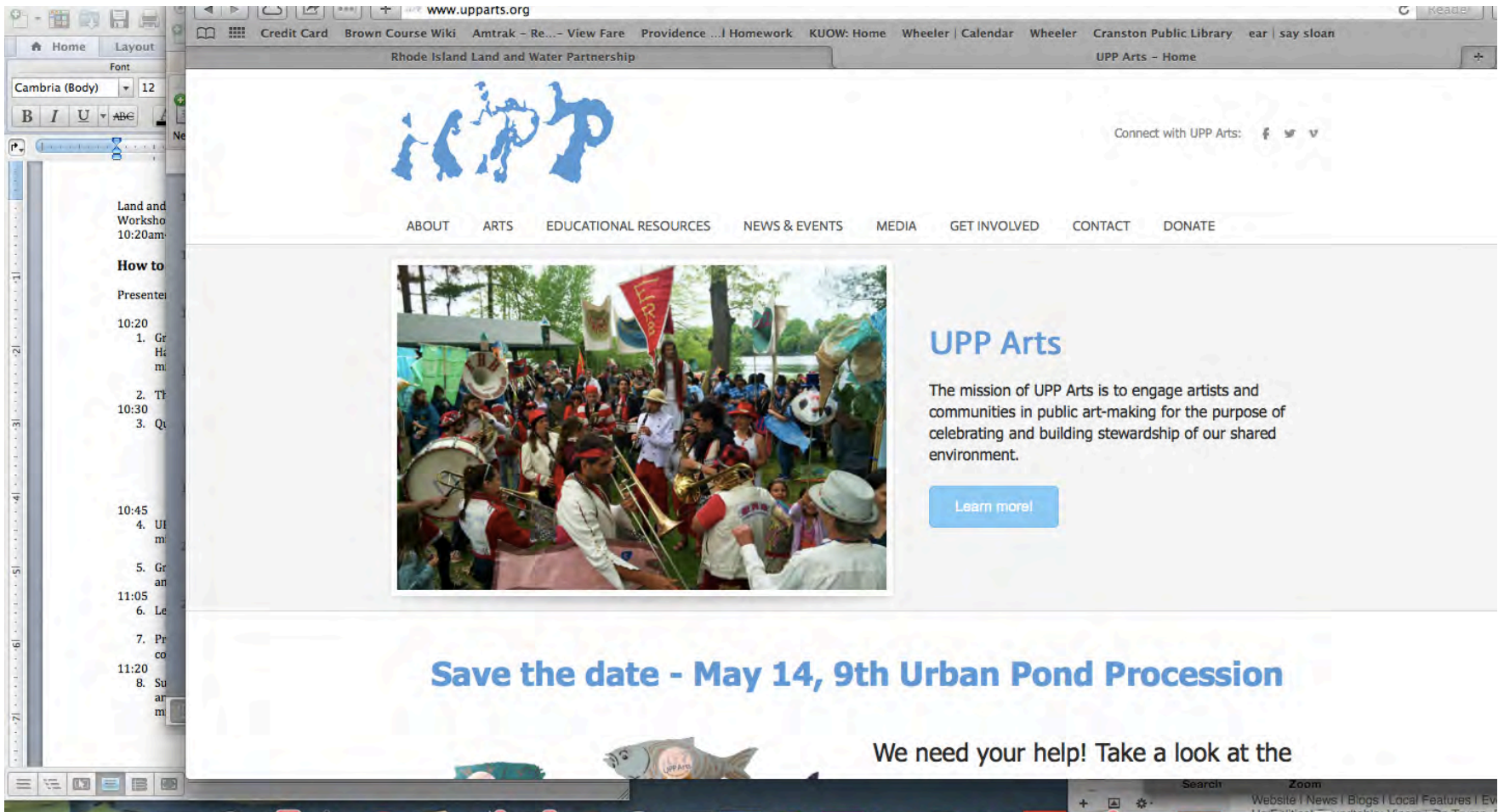# Volunteers plant 9 fruit trees donated by the Providence Neighborhood Planting Program

People from the community help to paint the fencing that protects the trees

Old West Elmwood Commemorative Orchard Dedication

- April 16, 2016, 10 am – 2 pm, Fence Painting Project and clean up of JT Owens Park
- April 23, 2016, 12-1 pm, Orchard dedication and Elmwood Little League Opening Day

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