



Thank you for your past interest in and support of the Garver Arts Incubator. With this communication, we are launching a bi-monthly e-newsletter to keep you up to date on the status of the project.

So, wondering what's been going on with planning for the Garver Arts Incubator?

A lot.

In April 2009 Madison voters overwhelmingly supported – by nearly 77% – the Garver Arts Incubator. Since then, Common Wealth Development has been hard at work on many of the unglamorous, but important, details that will turn this exciting plan into a reality.

The project will transform the historic Garver Feed Mill Building into an arts incubator designed and operated to house working spaces for professional artists and other arts-related businesses. It will be a public facility that will provide unique opportunities for visitors to watch artists at work, take classes, attend performances, view gallery exhibits, and more.

In the last several months, CWD has been finalizing the site plan, making plans to stabilize the building, working with the city to finalize the development agreement, and planning a fundraising campaign.

- Site Plan: Taking into account feedback from the city, land use experts, and adjacent neighborhood associations, and

working with a Site Plan Advisory Committee, CWD is detailing all of the plans with regard to the use of the land under and around the Garver building – including soil condition, landscaping, storm water management, access roads, traffic flow, and parking.

- **Building Stabilization:** The historic Garver Feed Building has sat abandoned since 1997. Brick is crumbling, and parts of the roof are gone, leaving interior spaces open to the elements. Plans for basic stabilization of the structure are underway with the goal of starting work later this year.
- **Development Agreement:** CWD will be finalizing the development agreement with the city within the next three to four months.
- **Fundraising:** CWD is working with Madison Community Foundation to design and implement a capital campaign.

In the coming months, additional work will take place in preparation for the beginning of the construction phase. Stay tuned!

#### Profile of a Garver Supporter: Helen Klebesadel



*Helen Klebesadel is a professional artist and educator from the East side of Madison, a former member of the Madison City Arts Commission, and a current appointee to the Wisconsin Arts Board.*

**Why do you support the Garver Arts Incubator?**

I am an artist and small businessperson from the Eastside of Madison who will welcome the space, services, and cultural activities that will become available as a part of the Garver project, especially having access to appropriate affordable space in Madison to offer art workshops and trainings. I teach nationally but I cannot find good, affordable space to offer my classes in my home community. Appropriate and affordable

artist studio space has been an ongoing need for artists in Madison for decades. The Garver Arts Incubator will be a boost for artists in the community struggling to expand their economic and creative realities. I can't wait!

Check out [preliminary design plans](#) for the Garver Arts Incubator on our website.

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