

EVERYBODY LOVES WATER FOUNTAINS



*Water is the source of life. Water is fun.
Water cools people off when they get hot!*

We want to put water fountains on these lots for kids to play in, people to water plants with, and to add beauty to the neighborhoods.

These can be simple fountains:

- a big basin to catch the water, maybe cement floor w metal sides
- a pipe in the center
- a plate shaped head for water to drip or spray from
- all the drain plumbing, pump mechanics and electrical setup

It would encourage neighbors to put in a bench and build a garden around it. Basically it's an organically grown park. If we provide the water that is necessary for growth, growth will occur organically around it. Meaning that wherever these fountains are installed, the park surrounding it will be slightly different and reflect the needs and desires of the surrounding community.

We are open to suggestions and improvements, but that's the basic idea. We think a corner lot like 1318-1324 Warren Street would work best for everyone to see it.

Logistically, of course we would need water and electricity from the city. That is the ongoing expense.

The idea is easily scalable and replicable - the more fountains, the better. Put one on every block! All different styles. Wouldn't it be neat if Old North became known for having all kinds of funky water fountains?

The Concept of water as an agent for peace is ancient and universal. It cools, it brings life. On a hot summer day, these city kids need a place to cool off. Drive through Forest Park and you'll see hundreds of kids playing in the fountains. It's great!

St.Louis is a river city, so water celebrates that heritage as well. Fountains add class, make a place feel more attractive. They will help nearby property values. Fountains are landmarks. Fountains have many many wonderful attributes and they don't have to be fancy or expensive.

Our team is really just a group of people who care about our city.

We are led by Dan Salmo, city resident and father of a 1 year old. Living near Delmar in the city, he feels the importance of improving all parts of city for our safety and growth as a community. We all must pull together to help out areas in need if we want a better life for our children.

Sarah Aslam is an Environmental Law student at Washington University. She will vigilantly see our idea through to completion, even in the face of any complexities regarding the law. We will prevail - the children will be able to splash!

James Relling is an experienced home builder in the Saint Louis area, and grew up on the North Side. He shares a passion for making our city whole. He is also an experienced electrical engineer.

Kurt Schwind cares about people in need - he volunteered to rebuild homes in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina, and he's always helping out at his local church. He is also a fine craftsman and engineer. Dan, Jim, and Kurt all work together as software engineers at Wells Fargo downtown.

Thanks for having the competition! It's a great stimulus and here's to something good coming from it.