

158 NORTH MAPLE



A partnership project to develop community-based learning opportunities.



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The City of Green Bay, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and Base Companies LLC, are proposing a rehabilitation project of the residential property located at 158 North Maple Avenue. The purpose of this project is to create the Center for Community Based Learning (The Center). The Center will provide affordable housing while also giving students the opportunity for an immersive learning experience, matching students with local non-profits and neighborhood associations to provide meaningful internships resulting in new programs and projects that will impact the surrounding neighborhood and community. The Center will be the first of its kind in the UW-System and the state of Wisconsin.

UWGB COMMUNITY BASED LEARNING CENTER

Project:

UW-Green Bay's Center for Civic Engagement together with the City of Green Bay is converting a house purchased by the city at 158 N Maple into a community-based learning center. The center will house 5-6 students plus the Center for Civic Engagement's AmeriCorp Vista fellow who will work with and help coordinate many of the activities. In exchange for reduced rent, students will commit to a year-long community-based learning project with local organizations, NGOs, community groups or the city to gain valuable practical experience, to foster community development and strengthen connections between UWGB and the city.

Layout/Concept:

This three-story house, located on the near West side of Green Bay is an ideal space to bring together university and non-university participants to come together for education classes, meetings, planning and workshops. The ground floor will have a meeting room (accessible only with the oversight of the VISTA fellow), a communal kitchen and half-bath. The second floor will have single and double bedrooms for students and a full-bath and the top floor will have a bedroom and office space for the VISTA fellow plus 1-2 additional bedrooms (space permitting) and a full-bath.

Community-based Learning:

Community-based learning "integrates problem-based service-learning, volunteerism, and experiential learning across a variety of disciplines in academic and community-based settings" (Carlisle, et. al.). Studies have shown that students participating CBL programs report increased capacities across multiple personal and professional indicators, including being more connected to their community and having expanded career opportunities. Junior and Seniors from all backgrounds and academic disciplines willing to commit to a year-long community-based project will be invited to apply, with preference given to those who have completed the Civic Scholars program as well as underrepresented students. They will be expected to devote 50hrs of CBL per credit hour as well as work to foster a collaborate and mutually beneficial atmosphere in the Center. Together with the VISTA Fellow, residents will be encouraged to have weekly dinners together and invite guest from the community and/or the university to share updates on the work they are engaged in. UWGB Faculty and Staff as well as community leaders will also be encouraged and invited to present to the residents in the first-floor board room.





