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Civic Garden Center of Cincinnati, the very first community garden was established in 1980 at 49 East McMicken on a vacant lot. Today there are two children's gardens in Over-the-Rhine: the Race Street Children's Garden and the Pendleton Children's garden attracting hundreds of children.

Contact the Civic Garden Center to rent your own plot in a community garden, learn how to start your own community project, volunteer as a mentor in a children's garden, or even donate to a local community garden.

Exciting it is...in addition to the housing rebirth that is occurring; new businesses and even a college are finding a new home in Over-the-Rhine. In less than 500 days, the Art Academy of Cincinnati will officially open the

doors of its new home in the historic Over-the-Rhine area.

The Art Academy of Cincinnati after five years of planning culminated with the official kick-off of the 14-month, \$12.5 million renovation that will transform two historically significant side-by-side buildings into a modern art school. A move to Over-the-Rhine mutually benefits all local residents and homeowners as well as the Main Street Entertainment District, the Digital Rhine business community and the Pendleton art gallery community.

The Kroger garage, at Vine and Central Parkway, will include 25 Vine Street condo-

miniums, also a project that speaks to the growth and future of the gateway to Over-the-Rhine.

Finally, Western & Southern Financial Group and the PNC Bank recently announced a partnership to investigate the feasibility of developing a new market rate housing project in Over-the-Rhine, tentatively titled Mercer Commons. If determined to be feasible, Eagle Realty Group will develop approximately one hundred units, a combination of new and renovated housing consisting of a variety of price points.

These major new projects combined with the formation of the Cincinnati City Center Development Corporation (3CDC) will guarantee other future interests and prospects for the future.

Final Fridays, the last Friday of each month, draws visitors to Over-the-Rhine. The Pendleton Art Center houses the largest collection of working artists in the world under one roof. Home to Music Hall, the Ensemble Theater, and Findlay Market, Cincinnati is blessed to have such a magnificent cultural base.

The future is just beginning in Over-the-Rhine.



Over-the-Rhine Community Garden.