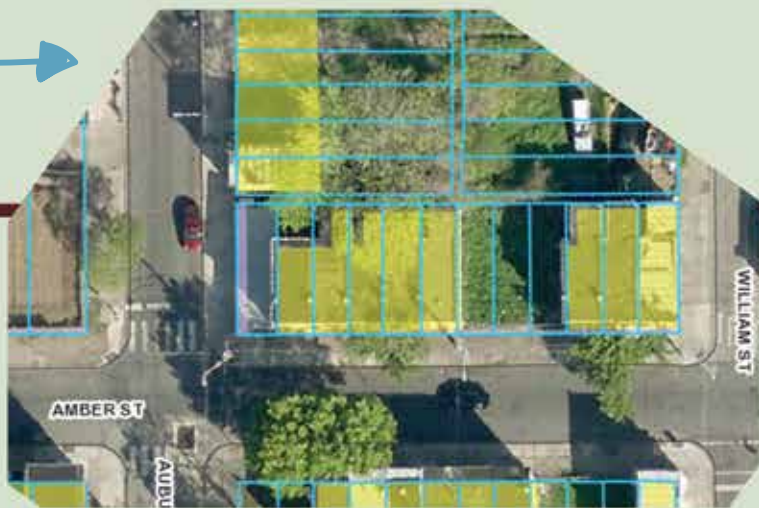


miss myra's garden

How a group of neighbors transformed a vacant lot into a vibrant community space...

meet miss myra.

she's lived on amber street in kensington since 1980, and she's been a block captain for over 35 years. there's a big vacant lot on her block. she and her neighbors have been looking after it over the years.



For a long time it was a pretty big mess.

so myra got together with her neighbors + nkcdc, and they decided to do something about it. they wanted to turn this lot into a safe, beautiful space for neighbors of all ages to socialize and relax.

in may of 2016, residents cleared the lot of trash, rocks, bricks, and 6-foot weeds.

they turned this...



into this!

(pretty impressive, right?)



In the summer of 2017, after

18 months

100 volunteers

\$3,500 dollars

and countless hours of work...



the garden was ready!



June 2017

hundreds of neighbors came together for a block party on the garden's opening day. they painted the fence and decorated the gate with all the things they love about their neighborhood.



miss myra's garden demonstrates that with hard work, collaboration, and a shared vision, neighbors can transform their neighborhoods—and they have big plans for 2018!