



Michael DeLillo

Neighborhood Development Coordinator

Specialties

- Digital graphics software
- Model building
- Hand rendering

Philosophy

Public space is the stage where life is acted out.

Education

- Bachelor in Landscape Architecture – State University of New York the College of Environmental Science and Forestry

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Michael joined Agape Community Center in August 2011 as a Neighborhood Development Coordinator through the AmeriCorps*VISTA program. At Agape, Michael has begun to develop a framework for making long-term connections in the Old North Milwaukee neighborhood in the Agape Service Area. Through these connections, Michael is working with the community to identify what stakeholders envision for the neighborhood, and is synthesizing this information to facilitate a process for making their ideas a reality.

During his undergraduate career, Michael developed an independent study thesis to review the theories of The Situationist, which advocates for people to critique the built environment. The Situationist proposed several questions for people to ask such as, “Why are places the way they are?” and “What emotions am I feeling as I move through this space?” With theories in hand, he adventured through Zealand Island, Denmark, and focused on documenting unique community gardening villages and vernacular architecture.

Michael is passionate about how the public realm within the urban environment acts as a stage for people to carry out social interactions. Without public spaces, many would never see a stranger, voice an opinion for others to hear, express emotion in an impromptu way, or meet new acquaintances. With this passion in mind, Michael has brought critical perspectives on community building and open space to Agape’s Neighborhood Development team.