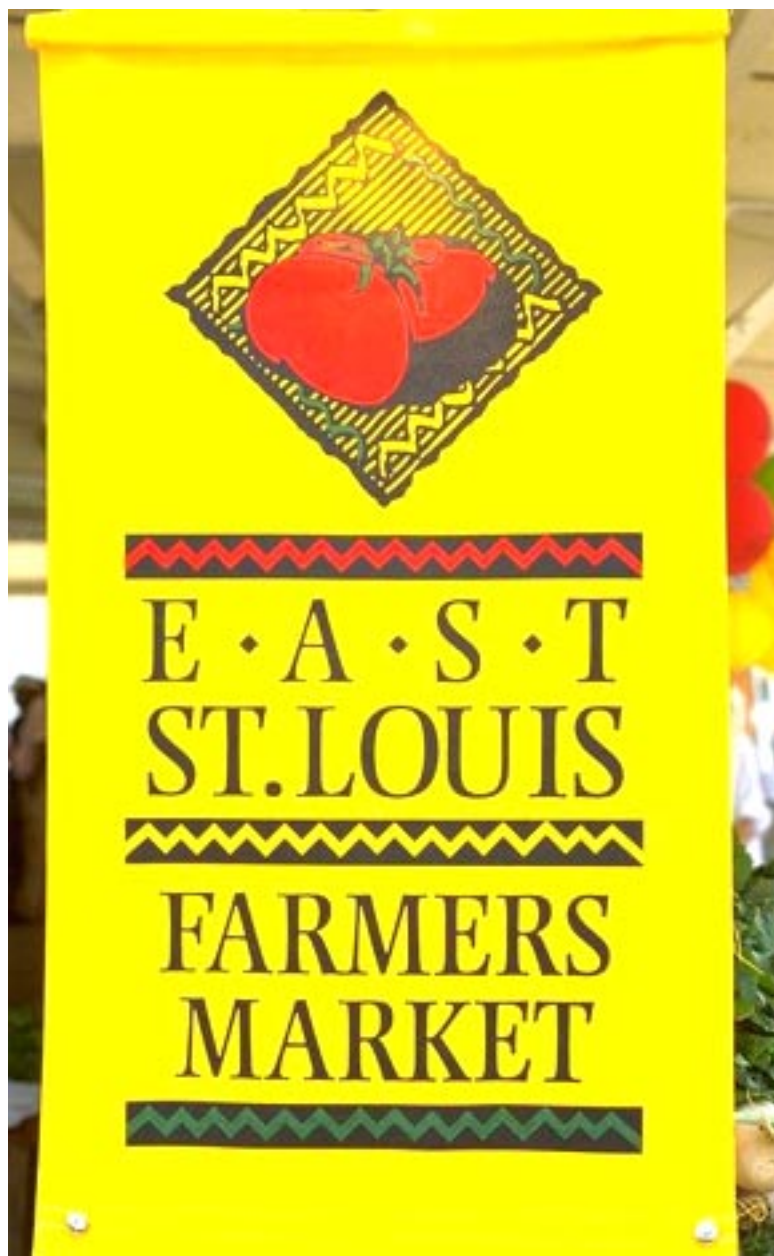


Winstanley/Industry Park Neighborhood Organization



*Shop at the
East St. Louis
Farmers Market!*



Members of WIPNO sought to **expand business opportunities** in the East St. Louis area through the establishment of a **community-controlled, neighborhood-based** Farmer's Market. Working with the University of Illinois, WIPNO was able to **acquire and convert a vacant lot into an open-air vending solution** to a community cry for fresh produce —in less than six months. Additionally, they provided resident entrepreneurs with the right tools to get a small business up and running by conducting a **vendor training workshop**. The market, completed in 1994, is open regularly from May 1st to October 31st each year.



*Home is where
the heart is...*

WIPNO has been aggressive in seeking funding for housing improvement. A \$170,000 HOME Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development put Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation on top of the list in 1994. Funds were used for rehabilitation at the homes of six low-income elderly residents.

In 1995 WIPNO received a second grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide credit counseling to individuals or couples seeking mortgages to secure homes. Over **sixty families participated in the free credit-counseling program**, more than twenty of these families were later able to secure mortgages for homes.

Rental Housing Rehabilitation — rehabilitated two abandoned multi-family buildings as affordable rental properties.

Bond-For-Deed Counseling — provided counseling for converting bond-for-deed arrangements to conventional bank financing.

Trash Pick-up — targeted areas in the neighborhood for cleanup, following through with bagging and removal.

Paint & Scrape — student helpers improved the homes of more than twenty elderly residents.

Head Start Playground — volunteers doubled the play area, built a family picnic, a sandbox, fence and ground cover.

Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Program — established a loan program to help low and moderate income-earners become homeowners.

