

...which has several parts, like publications and community events that activate and beautify the town for both the community and visitors.

## Come Home to Green River

...which was renewed again with the support of the Andy Warhol Foundation, this time for year-long residencies by invitation only. Selected artists include: Carolina Aranibar-Fernandez, Horacio Rodriguez, Lares Feliciano, Russel Albert Daniels, and Teal Gardner.

# The Frontier Fellowship

...which is a series of public meetings we co-hosts with the John Wesley Powell River History Museum bringing locals together to talk about housing needs and the future of town.

# Community Conversations

...when locals came to celebrate the start of Canal Commons' construction, the opening of the new shade pavilion in Pearl Baker Park, and enjoy a potluck lunch.

# Groundbreaking / Opening

...when we went to Salt Lake City to represent rural design, supported by U of U's Multi-Discliplinary Design Field Studio in 2023 and host an affordable housing panel in 2024.

# SL Design Week 2023-24

...where nearly 400 people each year have participated in free expert-led field trips to regional archaeological, paleontological, and geological sites, and shop an artisan and educational pop-up market.

# Green River Rocks 2022-25

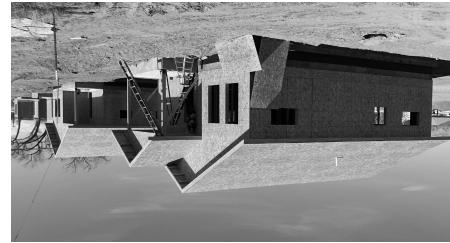


...is a new park being developed by Epicenter across the canal from Canal Commons. A mature Fremont Cottonwood grove marked this location as ideal for a public park fostering reflection and education. The park has natural play areas, dry-stack stone walls, native and naturalized plants, an outdoor classroom, and a shade pavilion. The park is named after Pearl Biddlecome Baker, a local named after out pilot, and cowgirl who documented our region's outlaw history.

# Pearl Baker Park

irrigation canal in Green River, Utah being developed by Epicenter Properties, LLC. Phase I, consisting of five affordable rental houses, broke ground in early 2025. These much-needed homes have been sized for local development team capacity with a focus on high quality design, affordability, energy efficiency, and accessibility. Phase II will consist of five affordable owner-occupied houses. All houses will face a central common landscape open to the public.

# Canal Commons



# Since the last Summit Epicenter has organized...

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To see more work by our Frontier Fellows visit **FrontierFellowship.org** 



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Epicenter stewards creative initiatives that combine art, architecture, and rural investment in order to build a more resilient, equitable, and vibrant local community.

This rural community has experienced different booms and busts as a result of the railroad, uranium and coal mining, agriculture, and a missile base. Each of these industries has either declined dramatically or departed the region altogether, leaving behind a community with a fraction of the population it once had. But for a lucky 847 people Green River, Utah is home.

Since our founding in 2009 by architectural graduates of Auburn University, Epicenter has used design and art to invest in rural places. We pair local knowledge with design expertise to expand options in under-resourced places usually neglected by design professionals. Our work can be a model: we've presented it and collaborated far from our home in Green River. With each project we aim to uplift the can-do culture and community-reliant ethic that is so often found in small towns. There is a common perception that innovative and exciting things only happen in urban centers, but this sentiment rings hollow for us

We've achieved projects ranging in scale from a roadside welcome sign celebrated by locals, to an annual festival celebrating regional public land stewardship. Our long term goals are: build local leadership within town; increase local housing options; increase town vibrancy and beautify the built environment; ensure organizational resiliency; and develop Epicenter as a model for other rural communities.



