OUR VISION
Building Bridges Across the River envisions a future in which the residents East of the Anacostia River experience vital, thriving communities characterized by social, cultural, economic and racial equity.

OUR MISSION
Building Bridges Across the River provides residents East of the Anacostia River access to the best-in-class facilities, programs and partnerships in arts and culture, economic opportunity, education, recreation, health and well-being.

OUR PROGRAMS
- **THEARC**: The Town Hall Education Arts Recreation Campus (THEARC) provides access to best-in-class education, arts, recreation, health and social service programs. Now encompassing 24 nonprofit partners, THEARC is the largest facility of its kind in the country.
- **BBAR Farms**: Our BBAR Farms program provides greater access to healthy, affordable food, urban agriculture education and career opportunities via activities within THEARC Farm and 6 Bridge Park Plots.
- **THEARC Theater**: THEARC Theater provides DC residents living east of the Anacostia River entertaining and enlightening arts and cultural experiences that empowers artists and audiences.
- **11th Street Bridge Park**: Located on the piers of the old 11th Street Bridge spanning the Anacostia River, the Bridge Park will be a new venue for healthy recreation, environmental education, and the arts. The Bridge Park draws on an extensive community outreach and consultative process, anchored by more than 1,000 stakeholder meetings for design, development, and impact.
- **Skyland Workforce Center**: Located on the border of Ward 7 and 8 on Good Hope Road, Skyland Workforce Center provides high-quality workforce development programs in one location, leading to work-ready candidates, career-focused job placement, economic self-sufficiency, and improved quality of life.

OUR IMPACT
- **Arts & Culture**
  - 600+ events hosted annually in the theater and community spaces
  - Over 7,000 visits per month

- **Economic Opportunity**
  - 90% of ICAN interns graduated high school and 80% have pursued higher education
  - 600 DC residents placed in jobs

- **Health & Well-Being**
  - 3,000 pounds of food harvested
  - 13,000 pounds of produce distributed

- **Collaborations & Development**
  - $30 million worth of services provided annually at THEARC
  - $3.5 million in direct income generated for residents through the 11th St. Bridge Park

OUR JOURNEY
- **THEARC Location**
  - THEARC is located in Ward 8 at 1901 Mississippi Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20020.

- **1997**
  - Building Bridges Across The River

- **2005**
  - THEARC opens

- **2007**
  - ICAN established

- **2013**
  - THEARC Opens

- **2015**
  - 11th Street Bridge Park established

- **2018**
  - TheARC Farm established

- **2019**
  - TheARC West facility opens

- **2021**
  - Skyland Workforce Center success

- **2022**
  - TheARC Farm expands

- **2022**
  - 11th Street Bridge Park progress

- **2022**
  - Construction of the 11th Street Bridge Park, Washington DC’s first elevated park begins.