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Sober living offers a refuge for many recovering for substance/alcohol abuse. Typically found in Chicago and other cities, sober homes have 6-8 residences in one house or 25 units in one building. These buildings usually are rundown, have limited access to surrounding greenery, and were not built to fulfill this type of group living. The large social pressures within the spaces can have a negative effect on an individual and cause more feelings of isolation instead of healing.

Take your needle...and work at your pattern; it will come out a rose by and by. Life is like that - one stitch at a time taken patiently and the pattern will come out all right like the embroidery.
- Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.
Instead of having only one house for the condensed three stages of sober housing (strictly mandated to peer living), three houses will be offered to S. Champlain Ave. and the distance between garden and home will correlate with what stage the house represents.

The new type of affordable recovery housing focuses on the relationship the two residences will have to the greenhouses on site, allowing the process of healing, growing, and community integration to restitch itself together over time.
House 1:
Beginner house with administrative oversight. Offers in-house treatment & attendance to recovery programs required. Garden closest to residences rooms and can be accessible only by them.

House 2:
House Manager present with written policy and procedures. Self-help group mandatory. Garden is attached as part of the entrance to the house.

House 3:
Purely peer ran. Self-help groups and house meetings are encouraged. Garden is completely detached allowing it to be public on the property.
All are welcomed to stay at these sober sanctuaries for however long they wish. The position of these homes will offer support for recovery and ability to stitch one’s life together while still living in their community.