

# Clemens Gardens Interpretive Concept Design

*St. Cloud, Minnesota*



One of the Midwest's most significant publicly owned European gardens is located in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The 106 Group is partnering with Close Landscape Architecture in a multidisciplinary approach to interpretation. Our collaborative efforts are aimed at blending traditional interpretive elements that convey messages through words and images with more nontraditional approaches that evoke stories through design elements. This approach seeks to not only discover and interpret the unique resources and themes that make up the gardens, but also to imbue the gardens with these stories through creative design elements that extend beyond traditional signs and exhibits. In short, our collaborative efforts will result in a new community garden that will serve as a site for community gatherings and will tell the story of the early development of St. Cloud and the gardens within this community through sculptures, fountains, and plants.

