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Artscape Wychwood Barns

Address

601 Christie Street

Project Team

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Developer/Owner/Client

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A conversion of an early 20th century TTC streetcar repair and maintenance facility into a mixed-use centre for artists, environmental organizations and the neighbouring community. The Artscape Wychwood barns consist of 26 live/work housing units, 15 work studios for local artists, a series of community spaces for arts and environmental groups, and a greenhouse and sheltered garden, all adjacent to a newly developed park by the city of Toronto. The oldest barn, built in 1913, is converted into a multi-purpose hall or covered street, and provides access through the facility as well as a place for markets, exhibitions and large public gatherings. The project has targeted LEED gold certification for sustainability. Included in the design are a large cistern to collect roof water for irrigation and use in toilets, and a geothermal HVAC system, and extensive use of material with high recycled content. Given good transit access, no vehicular parking was provided on site.



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