

Signals on the Wall

Youth, Property, and Stewardship in the Urban Commons

A mark on a wall can be expression, disorder, territorial signal, or neglected-system symptom.

This artifact explores reading those signals before reacting to them.

Themes include: Before You Buff; Walls Talk; Marks and Boundaries; The Commons Has Walls; Unauthorized Color; Care as Counter-Signal.

Practical side: graffiti abatement and restoration as a civic practice, not merely cleanup.

Core idea: Create opportunities before punishing marks, while still respecting property and boundaries.

Status: Field notes. Doctrine fragment. Working artifact.