Greenprint Detroit

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ABSTRACT

Navigating the various government programs for vacant land purchase in Detroit can be overwhelming, often resulting in confusion and frustration.

Within this context, Greenprint Detroit aims to provide a toolkit for residents on how to attain and transform vacant land through processes already in place by the Detroit Land Bank. By laying out these programs and other helpful land-use resources, the goal is to help place land back in the hands of Detroit residents. The project aims to begin the process of developing a citywide Greenprint; one that represents a vision for a creative, holistic, system-wide network of reclaiming vacant, interstitial open space.

This plan will also provide guidance in ways of which to address the increasing challenges of climate change and the negative environmental effects that come with it within the context of Detroit communities.



PURPOSE

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In order to understand the project, one must first understand the context in which this project was created. Vacan land availability in conjuncture with new government funding has created important opportunities for Detroit residents in terms of land ownership.

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TOOLKIT

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The toolkit takes preexisting programs run by the DLBA and provides a decision making tool to help residents determine the best fit for their own needs. The programs are then broken down into possibilities and real life opportunities within the Goodstock community.

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VISION

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Detroit, like many cities across the world, is facing the direct results of a changing climate. This section hopes to outline some of the ways in which residents can help mitigate these effects and prepare the city as it becomes a 'climate haven'.

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PURPOSE

Detroit Context

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densely populated areas of aging stormwater infrastructure. These challenges are expected to become more pressing in the future with an expected climate Meanwhile, urban agriculture, migration to the Great Lakes and increased precipitation putting further demands on infrastructure and services.

a distinct context for climate planning. Legacy cities are those

Detroit is among the most vibrant, that have experienced a significant loss of industry and manufacturing Southeast Michigan, but is faced employment since the midwith disproportionate environmental twentieth century, which contributed and health burdens in addition to to depopulation through the mass suburbanization of residents". (Mallach and Brachman 2013)

sustainability, and green design opportunities are expanding in the City of Detroit due to an excess of vacant land. For Detroit communities looking to make an impact, the first Legacy cities like Detroit "present step is often gaining ownership of this land.



SOURCE: www.nbcnews.com/news



SOURCE: detroitnews.com

DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY

The Detroit Land Bank Authority oversized lots, neighborhood lots, (DLBA) is a public authority that owns and manages approximately largest landowner. With the mission of returning the city's blighted and vacant properties to productive use, the DLBA utilizes a variety of sales programs to make homeownership and land purchases accessible to Detroiters.

The sales programs that are currently available and highlighted in the Greenprint toolkit include side lots, accessory structure lots,

infill lots, and homestead lots. Each of these lot types come with 100,000 parcels of property in the their own rules, guidelines, and City of Detroit, making it the city's opportunities which we hope to highlight in the following pages.

> The Detroit Land Bank Authority works directly with individual buyers, as well as Community Partner organizations and developers for projects big and small.



SOURCE: detroitfuturecity.com



SOURCE: planetdetroit.org

Goodstock

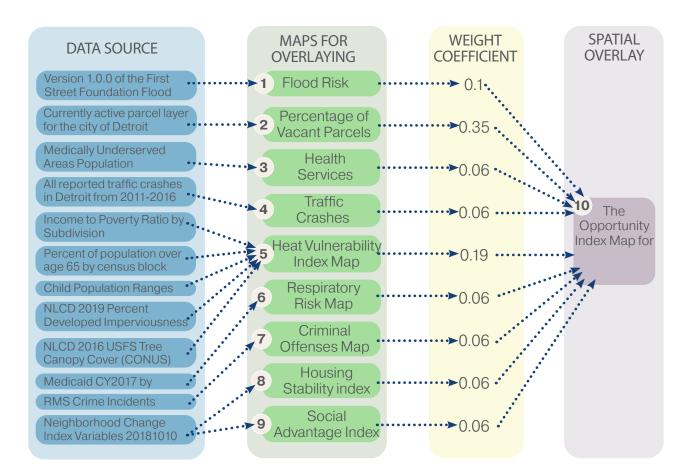
In order to choose a Detroit community to use as an example site for the project, the team began by determining what kinds of factors were important in a case study site. The data we looked at included:

- Proportion of vacant land
- Heat vulnerability
- Flood risk
- Health factors
- Traffic data
- Crime data
- Housing stability index
- Social advantage index

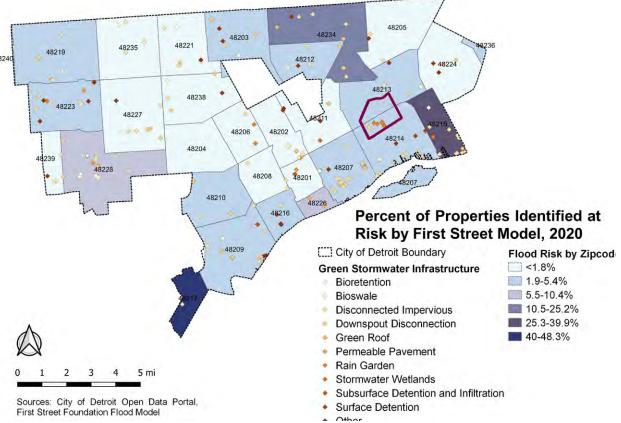
We also cross referenced our findings with other Detroit community analyses like the Detroit Future City Strategic Framework and Turning the Corner made by Data Driven Detroit.

After layering this data, we identified a number of key locations within the City of Detroit for potential landscape interventions. The community of Goodstock was chosen because of the communities high possibility for adaptive possibilities.

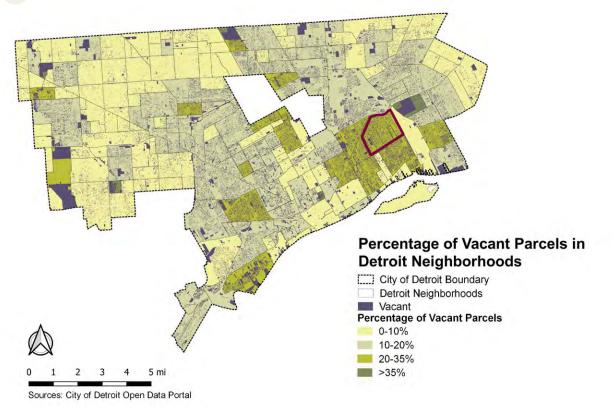
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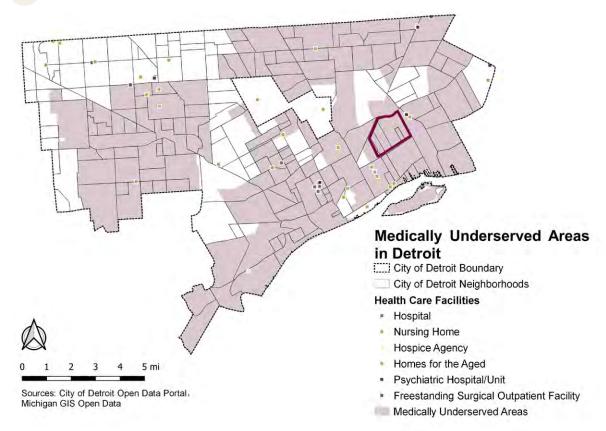
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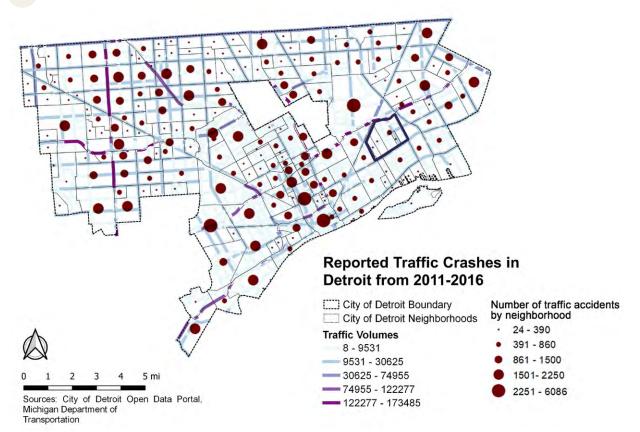
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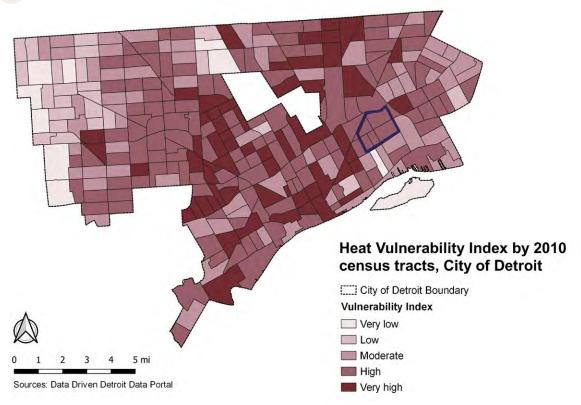
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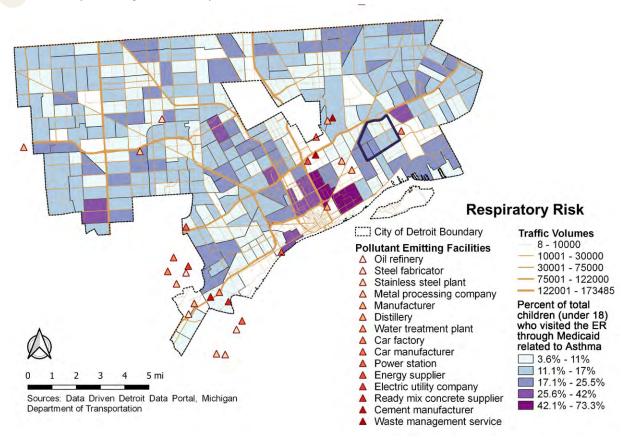
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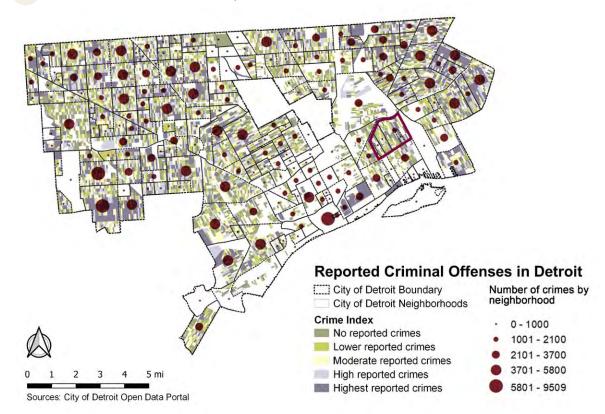




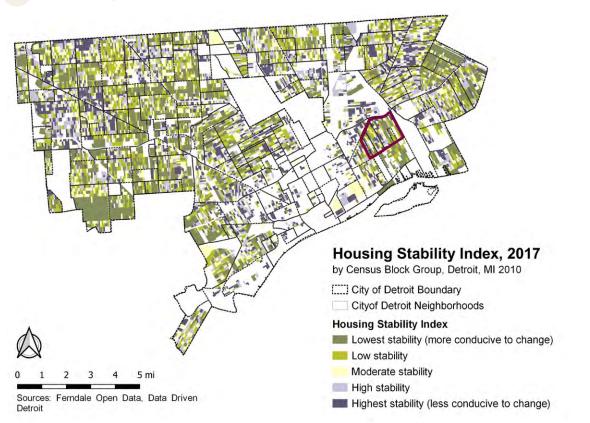
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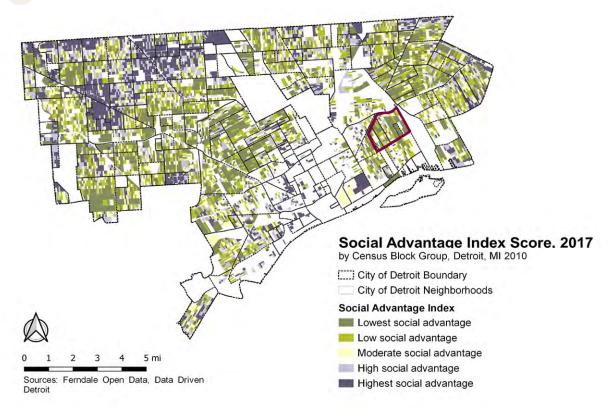
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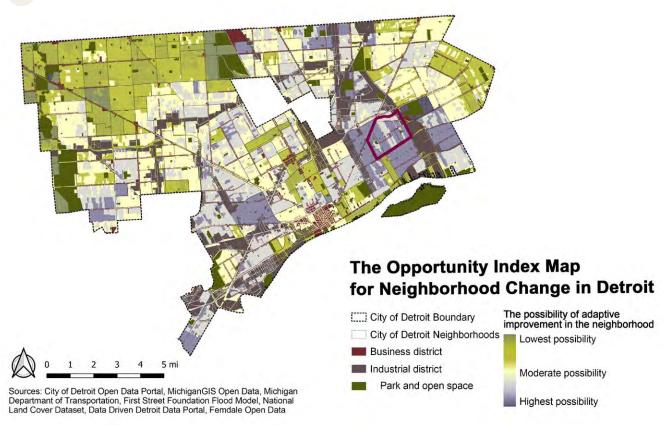
8 Housing Stability Index Map



9 Social Advantage Index Map

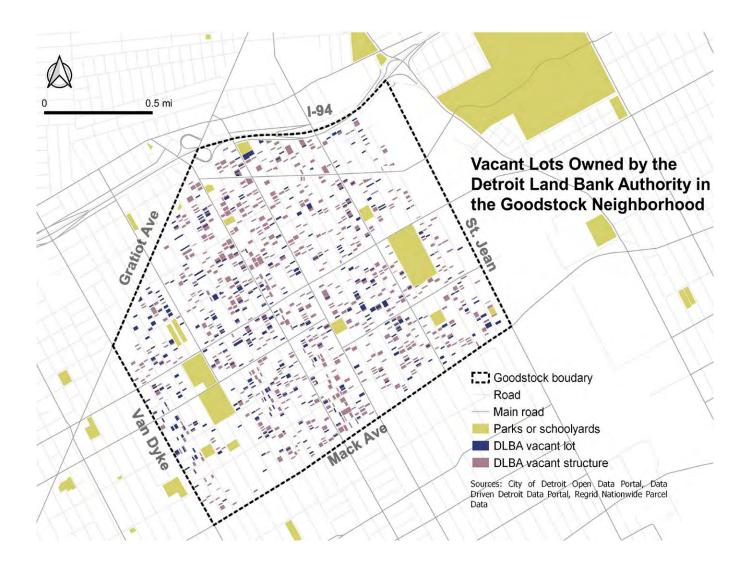


10 The Opportunity Index Map for Neighborhood Change



COMMUNITY ANALYSIS

DLBA Lot Ownership



Vacancy rates in the Goodstock Neighborhood are relatively high. As of 2020, there are 8,777 vacant parcels in the Goodstock Area,18% of which belong to the Detroit Land Bank Authority. The vast majority (99%) are residential vacant parcels, and 27% of the buildings on vacant parcels have been completely demolished.



DLBA vacant lot SOURCE: Google Map, 5400 McClellan Ave



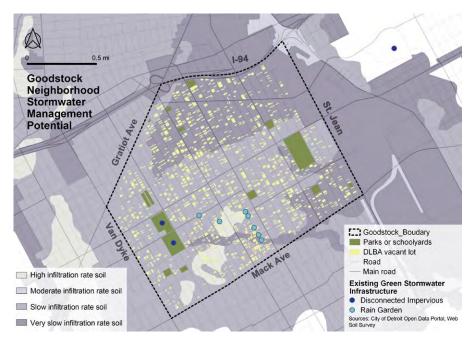
DLBA vacant structures SOURCE: Google Map, 5338 French

Public Open Space Service



When considering public open space, schoolyards are great options in addition to parks. The four schools in the Goodstock neighborhood have large green spaces that can be used for community recreation. Even with these schoolyard and larger parks, there are still areas within Goodstock where additional green space could be vital.

Stormwater Management Potential



Terrain and soil drainage influences the potential for stormwater management. In particular, light-colored areas on the map represent high infiltration rate soil and would be prime spaces for stormwater infiltration like rain gardens. The rest of Goodstock is dominated by soil with slow infiltration rates, indicating that these areas may be more suitable for stormwater retention and detention.

engage

Direct communication with and input from Detroit residents is paramount in the creation of this project. Our community engagement timeline begins in early April with stakeholder outreach and initial communication. During this time, the team also prepared our first survey, ordered promotional materials (seed packets with our websites QR code), and set up the website on which our surveys would be posted.

Between the months of June and September, two surveys were published and promoted; the initial neighborhood planning survey and the more design oriented visual preference survey. The team was also able to receive important insight from community members at various tabling events in Detroit over the summer months.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person engagement was kept to a minimum, but the team was still able to receive almost 200 responses in total from various surveys and conversations. The most informative of these results are presented here, but you can find a complete survey breakdown in the appendix of this book.

TIMELINE:

Tabling Events Outreach Review In early April we began We spoke to residents As we work through the reaching out to various and received feedback production of this toolkit, community stakeholders at Brewer Park and the we hope to receive who may be interested **MACC** Housing Fair. continuous feedback from in participating in our stakeholder groups. project. **April** May June July August September Neighborhood Planning Survey Visual Preference Survey

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING SURVEY

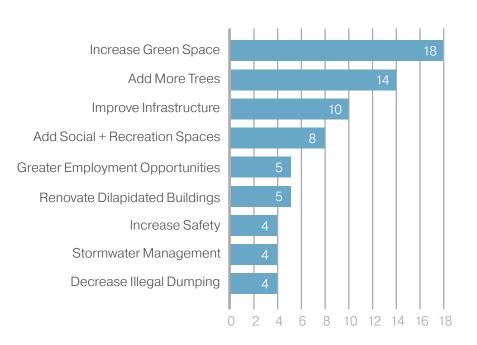
Responses: 116
Type: Online

In order to inform future community engagement, the SEAS Master's Project Team developed a Neighborhood Planning Survey. The purpose of this survey was to better understand how the residents of Goodstock and the surrounding areas perceive their neighborhood and to allow us to begin considering the positive changes that are most important to the community. The survey was a mix of multiple choice, rating, and short answer questions.

The largest age group of participants (44%) was between the ages of 18-29 with a 60-40 breakdown of male to female participants. The vast majority of participants (77%) have lived in their neighborhood for more than 10 years.

What do you think needs to happen to make Goodstock and its surrounding neighborhoods proud in the future?

[Short answer question]



Does your neighborhood ever experience effects of extreme weather?

[Multiple choice question with short answer follow-up]

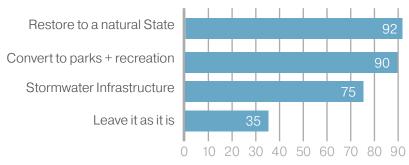


Of those who said yes, most has experienced flooding and/or polluted air.

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What would you like to see happen with the open space in your neighborhood?

[Multiple choice question, select all that apply]



TABLING EVENTS

Responses: 20 Type: In-Person

The Greenprint Detroit team was represented at two tabling events (Brewer Park and the MACC Housing Fair) where the team was able to gain insight and receive feedback from Detroit residents on vacant land adaptation. We also handed out our promotional seed packets with a QR code to our surveys.

Many residents spoke about their concern for safety in public spaces and how we can create safe spaces for community members, with specific concern for young women. We also received comments concerning food security and how much residents really appreciate community gardens but have issues with ownership and upkeep.



Table at Brewer Park event



Pomotional seed packets



Word cloud adapted from tabling event word count.

VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY

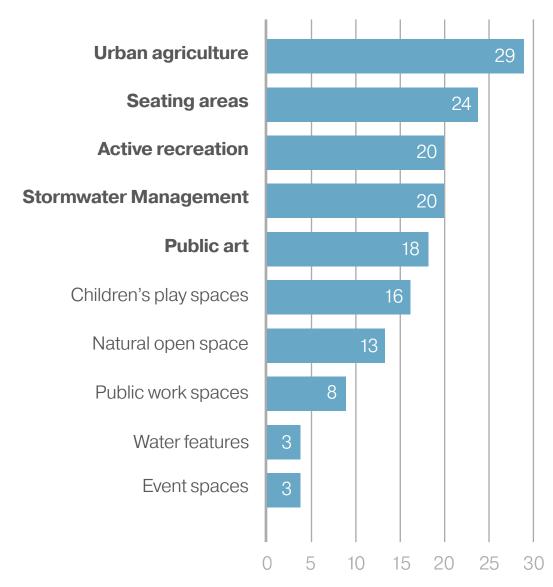
Responses: 51

Type: Online + In-Person

The purpose of the visual preference survey is to understand what residents of Goodstock and Detroit as a whole are looking for in their communities. This is done by rating certain design elements and spaces based on visual preference and perceived need. These rankings became our basis of decision making for future land-use typologies.

The largest age group of participants (67%) was between the ages of 18-29 with a 42-42-16 breakdown of male, female, and non-binary participants. For this survey, only 20% of participants have lived in their neighborhood for more than 10 years.

Please select the top 3 most important features that you would like to see incorporated into your community.



VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY

Top 5 Land-Use Features

For each of the features listed in the previous graph, residents were shown four distinct photos and asked to choose the one that they could see best fitting in their community. The results of the top five (5) land-use features are shown below. These are urban agriculture, community seating areas, spaces for active recreation, stormwater management, and public art.

The results of this survey, both the most valued features and the scenes chosen for visual appeal, were greatly considered in the example lot designs and land-use typologies showcased later in the toolkit section of the booklet.

Urban Agriculture

87% - want it 13% - don't want it

Of the participants of this survey, almost 50% chose option three as best fitting in their community. The image shows a community flower garden in Detroit that not only provides fresh cut flowers for residents, but aids in beautifying the community.









Community Seating Areas

87% - want it 04% - don't want it

Option four was chosen by the majority of participants at just 34%, while option one came in very close second at 30%. Option four shows interactive seating in the form of swings, while option one is a more traditional seating wall.









Active Recreation

83% - want it 04% - don't want it

45% of respondents chose option two as best fitting into and enhancing their community. The image shows Detroit youth participating in a game of basketball on what looks like a newly renovated court.









Stormwater Management

85% - want it 11% - don't want it

Almost 50% of survey participants chose option one as something they would like to see more in their community. The option chosen shows a heavily vegetated residential rain garden in full bloom.









Public Art

87% - want it 13% - don't want it

Over half (54%) of the survey responders chose option two as something they could see enhancing their community. The option shows a Detroit mural that is both beautiful and inspiring.





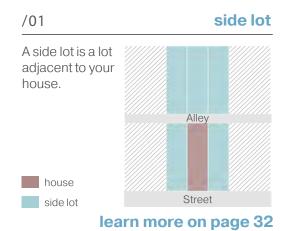




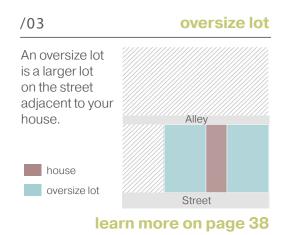
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Decision Making Tool

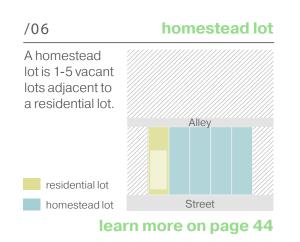


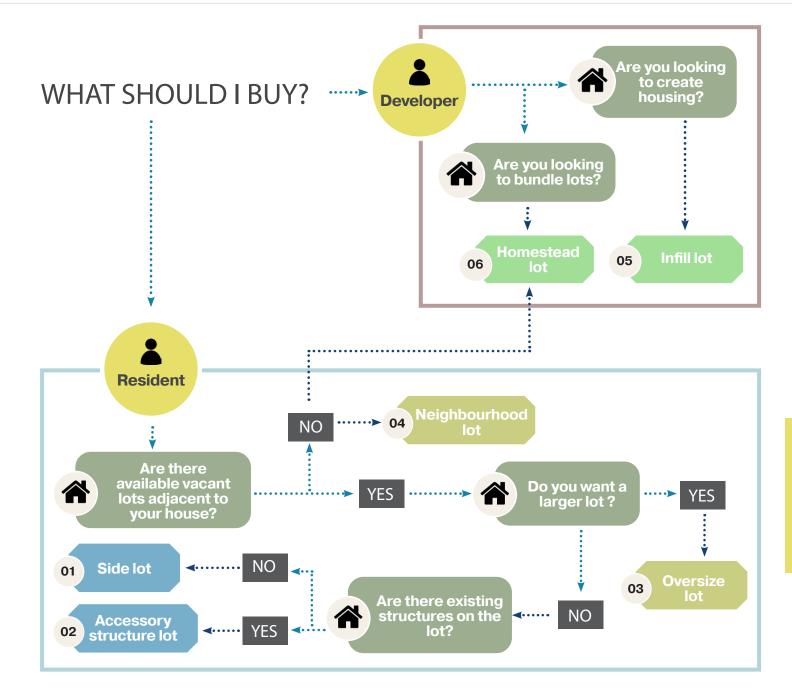








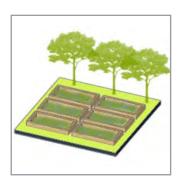




	size require- ments(sqft)	maximum numbers	price (\$)	location requirements	zoning requirements
side lot	< 7500		100	adjacent to your house	residential
accessory structure lot	<7500		250	street adjacent to your house	residential, recreation- al, or agricultural
oversize lot	7500 < lot < 15000	1	200	street adjacent to your house	
neighborhood lot	< 7500	2	250	within 500 ft to your house	
infill lot	< 15000	2		in an Inclusive Housing Opportunity Area	residential
homestead lot		5	100		

Opportunities

PRODUCTIVE

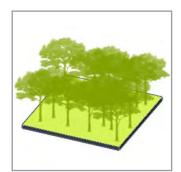


URBAN AGRICULTURE

Turning vacant land into urban agricultural space can be beneficial for many reasons, but mostly that it improves access to healthy, affordable locally produced food in and around the community.

Cost. \$

Maintenance.: Low



ORCHARD

An orchard is the intentional planting of trees or shrubs that is maintained for food production. Orchards can serve aesthetic purposes and also sequester carbon.

Cost.\$

Maintenance.: Medium



GREENHOUSE

A greenhouse is a great method of growing all-season crops and gardening. It helps increase yields and offers multiple benefits in terms of weather protection and pest control.

Cost. \$\$

Maintenance.: Medium



SOLAR PANELS

Introducing solar panels on your lot can decrease electricity costs and provide clean, renewable energy for your home. They can also increase home value!

Cost. \$\$\$

Maintenance.: Medium

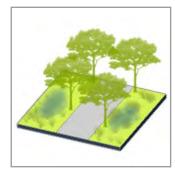
ENVIRONMENTAL



POLLINATOR HABITAT

Pollinator habitats provide an important food source for pollinators such as birds and butterflies. Colorful flowers attract pollinators and make our gardens so beautiful! Cost. \$

Maintenance.: Low

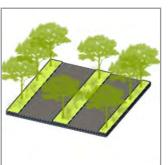


STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Green stormwater infrastructure can play a remarkable role in stormwater management and flooding control. These can include rain gardens, detention ponds, and other management options.

Cost. \$\$

Maintenance.: Medium



GREEN BUFFER

Even small, typically unusable, space can be environmentally beneficial. Small lots can be used as green strips or buffers for privacy.

Cost. \$\$

Maintenance.: Low



PERMEABLE PAVEMENT

Permeable pavers are made of materials that allow stormwater to flowthrough. This aids in stormwater management and also decreases amounts of concrete and asphalt that cause urban heat islands.

Cost. \$-\$\$\$

Maintenance.: Medium

SOCIAL

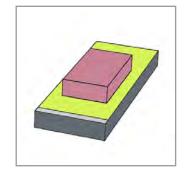


FARMERS MARKET

A farmers market provides a space to support small farmers and businesses. They also increase access to healthy fruits and vegetables in your neighborhood and encourage social interaction.

Cost. \$

Maintenance.: Medium



DEVELOPMENT

SINGLE FAMILY HOME

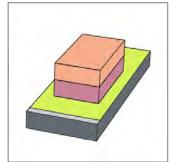
A single-family home is a freestanding residential building. Single-family homes are designed to be used as a single-dwelling unit, with one owner, no shared walls, and its own land. Units. 1

PUBLIC ART

Studies show that through their programming and other activities, art spaces serve various public space roles related to community development.

Cost. \$ - \$\$\$

Maintenance.: Low



DUPLEX 1

A duplex is a house divided into two apartments, with a separate entrance for each. For this example, each floor is a separate apartment. Units. 2

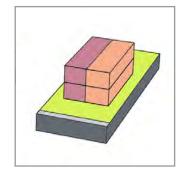


GATHERING SPACE

Performance and other gathering spaces encourage social and civic engagement while providing a platform for community interaction.

Cost. \$\$

Maintenance.: Medium



DUPLEX 2

Similarly to the above option, this is also a house divided into two apartments with separate entrances. This development however, is divided in half where each unit has two floors.

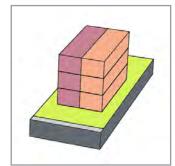
Units. 2



ACTIVE RECREATION

Recreational facilities help create strong social bonds as well as encourage health and welness within the community. Sports and recreation build stronger, healthier, and happier communities. Cost. \$-\$\$\$

Maintenance.: Medium



TOWNHOUSE

A townhouse is a modern multistory house which is attached to one or more similar houses by shared walls. Due to the skinny nature of these homes, they often encompass 3 of more floors. Units. 2

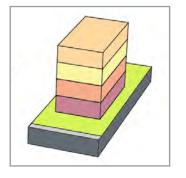


PLAYGROUND

Playground are vastly important for development and the socialization of children. They are also vital for creating inter-generational interaction and many other mental health benefits.

Cost. \$\$\$

Maintenance.: Medium



BOUTIQUE APARTMENT

Boutique Apartments have small footprints with increased functionality. This is perfect for young professionals looking for a space to make their own. Each floor represents a different unit.

Units. 4

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Side Lots

Purpose.

To sell DLBA-owned vacant lots to owners of Adjacent occupied residential property to be used for residential, recreational or agricultural purposes.

Requirements.

The lot must be a vacant residential property without structure. It must not exceed 7,500 square feet in size and cannot measure more than 300 linear feet on any side.

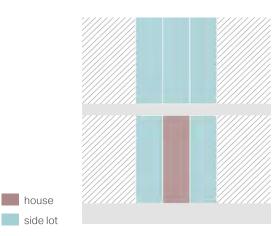
Notes:

The lot must be adjacent to an applicant's property that contains an occupied residential structure of 1-4 units.

There must be no delinquent or currently due property taxes in connection with the lot.

The lot must (a) be zoned residential. If it is not, the DLBA may choose to make it eligible as a Side Lot if the lot's most recent previous use was as a 1-4 unit residential structure.

The lot must not be selected for another DLBA disposition program.



The design on the right places an emphasis on both social interaction experience and ecological well being. The pavilion provides a space for communication and gathering; Detention pond is placed to facilitate flooding control and urban agriculture is promoted to encourage local production.



Lots in Goodstock, Detroit Photo by team member

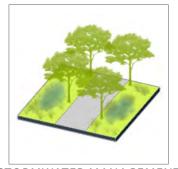
Lots in Goodstock, Detroit Photo by team member

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PRODUCTIVE SIDE YARD

SITE: 5722 CRANE STREET

Designs Used:







STORMWATER MANAGEMENT URBAN AGRICULTURE

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

A retention pond is placed at the back of the property for maximum stormwater infiltration.

PARK

This gathering space offers the opportunity for social connection in a beautiful setting.

URBAN **AGRICULTURE**

The greenhouse will allow for all-season crop

production. It also helps with weather protection and pest control.

GREEN

HOUSE

gardens improves access to affordable, locally produced food and are a great source of education for youths.



Accessory Structure Lots

Purpose.

To sell DLBA-owned lots improved by only one or more accessory structures to owners of Street Adjacent occupied residential property to be used for residential, recreational or agricultural purposes.

Requirements.

Determined by the DLBA and may include, among other structure types, garages, sheds, gazebos, or carport.

See Appendix A for more information on other Allowable Uses and Structures on Urban Gardens and Urban Farms.

Purchase Options.

Option 1:

- Purchase 1 blue accessory lot (No.1 or 2) on either side of the property
- Buy green lot (No.3 or 4) next to blue lot

- Purchase 2 blue accessory lot (No.1 and 2) next to the property
- Buy 1 green lot (No.3 or 4) next to any blue lots
- Buy 2 green lot (No. 3 and 4) next to the blue lots

Notes:

There is no Accessory Structure Lot in Goodstock neighborhood. But accessory structures can be built on vacant lots. The most common accessory structure in Goodstock is the garage, usually behind the main building.

FIG. 1: https://onedaygarage.com/

FIG. 2: 10 Considerations When Buying Outdoor Storage Sheds FIG. 3: Oval Gazebos & Accessories at Lowes.com

FIG. 4: https://www.ambienthomeus.com/

FIG. 5: https://playgroundideas.org/

FIG. 6: http://www.earthartist.com/

FIG. 7: https://www.localbouncycastle.com/

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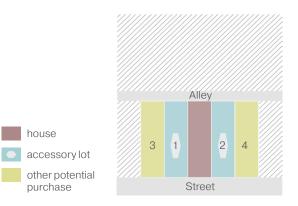
FIG.2 SHEDS

FIG.1 GARAGE



FIG.3 GAZEBO

FIG.4 CARPORT





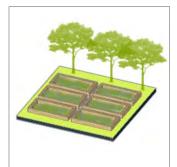
The garage behind the house SOURCE: Google Map, 5029 Seneca St

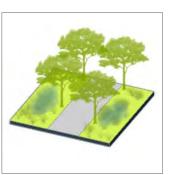
ACCESSORY STRUCTURE LOT - SINGLE

PURCHASE 1 BLUE LOT ON EITHER SIDE OF THE PROPERTY SITE: 3852 LEMAY ST

Designs
Used:







URBAN AGRICULTURE

Alley

Lemay St.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



Discarded old tires are also useful. All it

new playground material is born. This will not only solve the high cost of recycling used tires, but also turn waste into treasure

EXISTING TREE

SINGLE CAR GARAGE WITH WOOD SIDING

36" SPLIT RAIL FENCE

LOW-LOST MULCH ALTERNATIVE

Mulching is a time and money saver as it reduces the amount of water and weeding your garden needs, but can be expensive. Some of the most affordable mulch alternatives are grass clippings, leaves, pine needles, and stones.

> **GATHERING SPACE WITH** BENCHES AND SUN UMBRELLA

DIY RAISED PLANTING BED

A raised garden keeps nuisance weeds at bay, prevents soil compaction, provides excellent drainage, and protects your plants from pests. Raised beds also add an aesthetically pleasing value to your garden.

NATIVE PLANT CLUSTER

ASPHALT DRIVEWAY

Asphalt generally requires less maintenance than gravel and many people prefer the lack of dust and finished look that it provides . A good asphalt driveway will

last 15-20+ years.

RAIN GARDEN A raingarden is a planted

depression designed to infiltrate stormwater runoff, but not hold it. Rain gardens built alongside pedestrian paths also beautify the streets.







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ACCESSORY STRUCTURE LOT - BOTH SIDES

PURCHASE 2 BLUE LOTS NEXT TO THE PROPERTY SITE: 4465 MONTCLAIR ST



project can differ greatly based on gravel size and color and the type of

substrate used.





POLLINATOR HABITAT



Alley SINGLE CAR GARAGE WITH WOOD SIDING DIY CONCRETE STEPPING STONES This accesory structure could potentially be used to hold community Find more information in the resources section for meetings. DIY concrete stepping **POLLINATOR** GARDEN **EXISTING TREE** 36" SPLIT RAIL FENCE **EVERGREEN HEDGE** RECYCLED TIRE PLAYGROUND FIG.6 RAIN GARDEN **GRAVEL DRIVEWAY** This is definitely the most affordable option, but gravel driveway prices for a detached garage

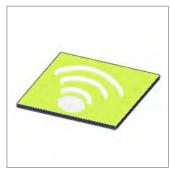
ACCESSORY STRUCTURE LOT - MERGED

BUY GREEN LOT NEXT TO GREEN LOT SITE: 5361 PENNSYLVANIA ST

Designs Used:







STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PUBLIC ART

LIC ART

GATHERING SPACE



Montclair St.

Oversize Lots

Purpose.

To sell DLBA-owned vacant lots that are larger than traditional Side Lots to owners of Street Adjacent occupied residential property to be used for residential, recreational or agricultural purposes.

Requirements.

An "Oversize Lot" is defined as a residential parcel of property in the DLBA's inventory that are greater than 7,500 square feet and less than or equal to 15,000 square feet in size and it must not measure more than 400 linear feet on any side.

Purchase Options:

Oversize lots are priced at \$200 per lot, unless the estimated value of the lot exceeds \$2,500 in which case the sales price will be determined pursuant to the projects procedures and guidelines.

Notes:

The lot must be a vacant residential property without a structure.

The lot must be Street Adjacent to the Applicant's Occupied Property.

There must be no delinquent or currently due property taxes in connection with the lot.

The lot must not be selected for another DLBA disposition program.

All Oversize Lot listings must be approved by staff of the appropriate City planning agencies and, if applicable, any other appropriate governmental agency. house oversize lot Street

The design depicted on the next page aims to provide exceptional social interaction experience, ecological well being as well as mental restoration functionality with well curated native plantings. The outdoor seating area surrounded by perennial garden provides extraordinary view and experience for communication and gathering; Art gallery is placed for art display and community collaboration.

COMMUNITY HAVEN

SITE: 916 E GRAND BLVD.

Designs Used:







PUBLIC ART



GATHERING SPACE

Picnic to any used for

POCKET PARK

Vacant land can also be transformed into pocket parks. It offers gathering space for social connection and building social capital. Additionally, it transforms the underutilized space into attractive functional space.

ART AND DISPLAY

Art and culture plays a vital role in community branding process. It is important to advertise and introduce local history, local art and the rich culture. It also provides a platform to build social capital around the neighborhood.

PICNIC TABLES

Picnic tables are a great addition to any green space. They can be used for lunch, social gathering, or community meetings.

URBAN AGRICULTURE

Turning vacant land into urban agriculture land can be beneficial ecologically, socially and economically. It greatly improves access to healthy, affordable locally produced food in and around the community.

MEETING SPACE

Benches and picnic tables placed within a beautiful green setting can offer a rejuvinative space for relaxation or social gathering. Amble seating also allows room for public meetings.

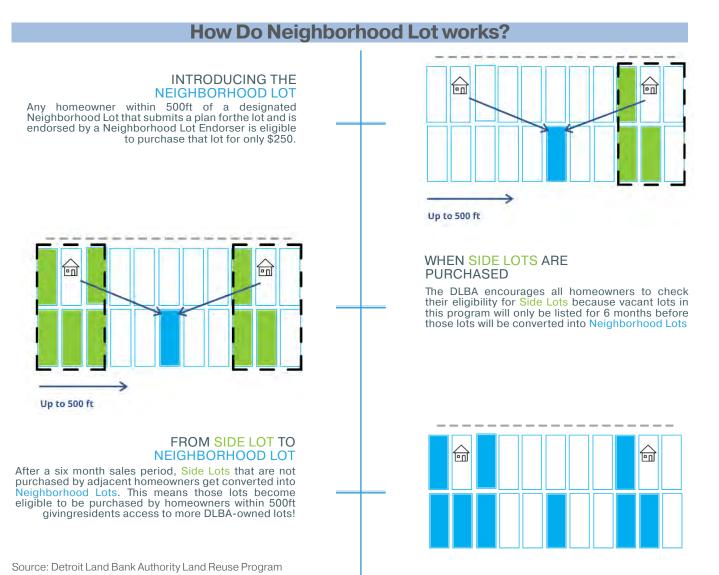


Neighborhood Lots

Purpose. To sell DLBA-owned vacant lots to owners of nearby occupied residential property to be used for residential, recreational or agricultural purposes.

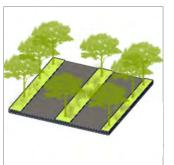
Purchaser Eligibility.

- (1) A brief plan for purchaser's proposed use of the lot.
- (2) No person, directly or indirectly, may ever purchase in total more than 2 Neighborhood Lots.
- (3) There's a three-year compliance period during which the Land Bank can regain possession of the parcel if you incur blight violations.
- (4) The purchaser shall have the endorsement of at least one of the following:
- A local block club or a local neighborhood association, in each case registered with the City's Department of Neighborhoods;
- A DLBA approved Community Partners in good standing; or
 The local District-elected City Council Member or one of the At-Large City Council Members.



NATIVE GARDEN

BUY 2 VACANT LOTS WITHIN 500FT SITE: 4451 & 4455 SEMINOLE ST







GREEN BUFFER

URBAN AGRICULTURE

PUBLIIC ART



GATHERING SPACE WITH BENCHES



DIY CONCRETE STEPPING STONES

This is an economical way of paving. A stepping stone is any piece of stone or other material that is laid out as a path or a walkway. The types of materials used for these paths can be stone, brick, wood or concrete.

CONCRETE SEATING

Seating offers respite for those working in the community garden.

NATIVE PLANT CLUSTER

RAIN GARDEN

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FIG. 1: https://www.instructables. com/DIY-Concrete-Stepping-Stones-That-Look-Natural/ FIG. 2: https://rafaellopez.com/

Alley

Wall art is the most popular form of art creation in community Community engagement. members can create their own community art wall.

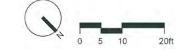
DIY RAISED PLANTING BED

LOW-LOST MULCH ALTERNATIVE

ROLLING TOPOGRAPHY Can shape different feelings

of space. The soil of the hills comes from rain gardens. We try to balance the graded soil expenditure within the site.

EVERGREEN HEDGE



Seminole St

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Infill Lots

Purpose.

To encourage the construction of new residential housing, including affordable housing, in the City. This type of lot would be most suitable for small scale nonprofit or for-profit developers as well as community housing development organizations.

Requirements.

The vacant lot must be in an inclusive housing opportunity area and not exceed 15,000 square feet.

Notes:

An individual may only purchase two infill lots per year.

There are many potential funding opportunities available for the purpose of affordable housing development. These can be found in the resources section.

Discounts on lot purchases are available for meeting certain AMI's, these specifications can be found in the appendix.





When developing a new property, the developer will have the choice of selling or renting the units out. Renting allows for a steady stream of income while selling removes the liability of owning a longterm property.

SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS

Architectural Salvage Warehouse of Detroit

aswdetroit.org

The Architectural Salvage Warehouse of Detroit deconstructs buildings in Southeast Michigan to keep environmental resources out of the waste stream, and to make decent, affordable housing materials available to low- and moderate-income families.

Pivot Materials

pivot.eco

Pivot Materials is a woman owned Detroit based social impact business that is reforming the plastics industry. They specialize in manufacturing composite plastics using natural fiber bamboo or rice hull fiber. Pivot's products are light-weight, sustainable, durable, and cost competitive.

Reclaim Detroit

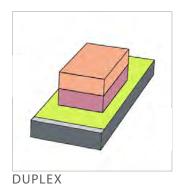
reclaim-detroit.myshopify.com

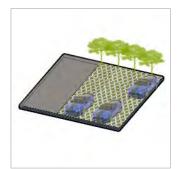
Reclaim Detroit is a non-profit organization that dismantles a building piece by piece, leaving the building's individual components in the best possible condition for re-use. The value of the salvaged materials is tax deductible, keeping costs low.

DUPLEX DESIGN

SITE: 4768 BURNS AVE

Designs Used:





PERMEABLE PAVEMENT



URBAN AGRICULTURE

PERMEABLE PAVERS

Permeable pavers are a great way to reduce concrete and increase stormwater infiltration.

VEGETABLE GARDEN

Vegetable gardens offer residents the opportunity grow their own healthy food while spending quality time outside.

HOUSE

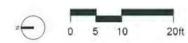
The buildings shown are both 2-storey duplex homes, featuring 4 units in total at ~1,000sf each, where each unit contains 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms.

RECLAIMED WOOD DECK

Reclaimed wood is recycled from other construction projects, whether it be unused scraps or full-sized pieces from a tear-down. Unique decks can be made from reclaimed wood materials.

SHADE TREES

Planting trees in your front yard can help block your home from direct sun and can increase curb appeal.





Homestead Lots

Purpose.

Homestead lots are DLBA-owned lots which are sold together with DLBA-owned residential properties. These sale bundles are sold to purchasers for future occupancy.

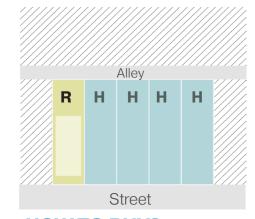
Requirements.

Homestead lots must be adjacent to a DLBAowned residential property that includes an existing residential structure of 1-4 units or part of a contiguous assemblage of Homestead Lots that are Adjacent to such a property.

Notes:

Homestead lots are sold with residential lots. A maximum of five lots can be sold at a time to any individual.

These lots are typically priced at \$100 each.



HOW TO BUY?

1. buy a Residential lot

2. buy 1~4 Homestead lots at the same time



Lots in Goodstock, Detroit

Lots in Goodstock, Detroit

COMMUNITY GARDEN

1 RESIDENTIAL LOT + 2 HOMESTEAD LOTS SITE: 3898 FRENCH RD

Designs Used:

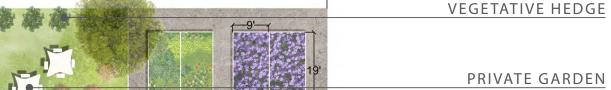






POLLINATOR HABITAT

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT URBAN AGRICULTURE



A small garden is a good place for people to take a rest, have outdoor activities and play with children. People can plant some flowers to create their dream garden.

RAISED PLANTING BED

Residents can plant flowers and plant

RAIN GARDEN

Native plants work extra hard in your rain gardens.

PERMEABLE PAVERS

Permeable pavers are a great way to reduce concrete and flooding



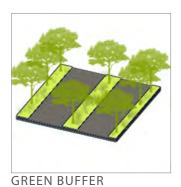
SOCCER FIELD

1 RESIDENTIAL LOT + 4 HOMESTEAD LOTS

SITE: 3898 FRENCH RD

Designs Used:









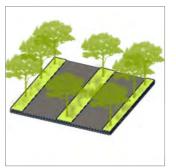
BASKETBALL COURT

1 RESIDENTIAL LOT + 4 HOMESTEAD LOTS

SITE: 3898 FRENCH RD

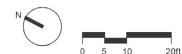
Designs Used:





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Climate Impacts

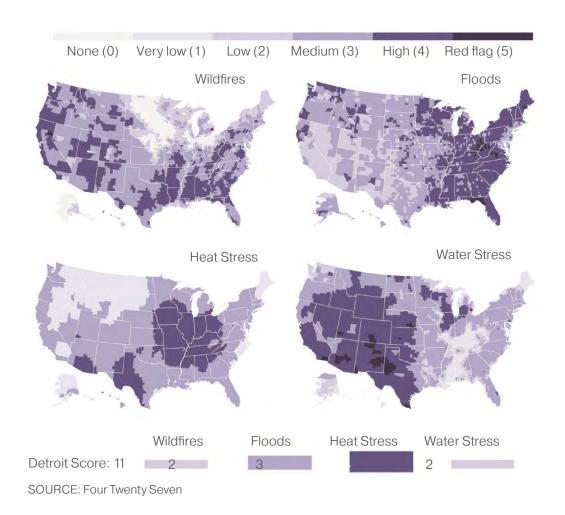
CLIMATE CHANGE IN NORTH AMERICA

Climate change is characterized by long-term changes in temperature and weather patterns. These changes can be natural or man-made. But since the 19th century, climate change has been largely driven by human activity. (United Nations)

Rising temperatures are only the beginning of climate change. There are many other serious consequences of climate change, including droughts, water shortages, fires, rising sea levels, floods, melting polar ice, catastrophic storms and loss of biodiversity. (United Nations)

The map below shows a combination of climate risk data and projected population in 2040. The resulting score reflects the degree of exposure to climate risk in each part of the United States. (Four Twenty Seven)

It is worth noting that Detroit has higher scores in flooding and heat stress, which means that these two could be major climate hazards in the city's future. In fact, both problems are exposed now.



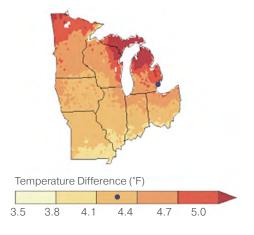
CLIMATE CHANGE IN DETROIT

Heat Stress

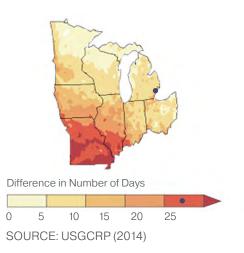
By mid-century (2041-2070), average annual temperatures in Detroit are projected to rise 4.1°F to 4.4°F compared with the 1971-2000 period. ("Projected Mid-Century Temperature Changes in the Midwest")

The Detroit metropolitan area, which averaged only 1.3 days above 95°F over the past 30 years, increased to 3 to 7 days over the next five to 25 years. By the middle of the century it will be 5-16 days. 15 to 67 days of extreme heat are likely by the end of the century. ("Heat in the Heartland: Climate Change and Economic Risk in the Midwest")

Rising Temperatures



Difference in Number of Extreme Hot Days (>95°F)



Flood Risk

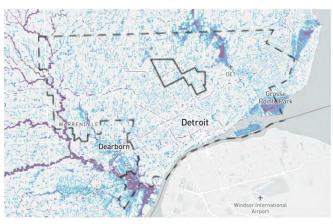
Flood Factor reports that "There are 22,959 properties in Detroit that have greater than a 26% chance of being severely affected by flooding over the next 30 years." This breaks down to about 6% of all properties in Detroit. ("Detroit, Michigan.")

Flooding can cause property damage, as well as cut off utility lines and access to emergency and transportation services. These consequences are known to affect the overall economic wellbeing of an area. ("Detroit, Michigan.")

Flood Risk In 30 Years



Approximately 42.7k properties have a 0.2% chance of water reaching their buildings.



Aoorix. 5,824 properties have a 5% chance of water reaching their buildings.

SOURCE: FloodFactor

Climate Adaptation

FLOOD SOLUTIONS

Stormwater management is an effort to reduce runoff from rain and melted snow into streets, lawns, and other surfaces, that would ultimately lead to larger bodies of water ("EPA Facility Stormwater Management"). In place of typically used gray infrastructure like culverts, gutters, and storm sewers, sustainable alternatives like blue/green infrastructure can be used to protect, restore, and mimic natural water cycles (Expert Environmental

Consulting). This is in addition to their ability to improve water quality through the removal of pollutants.

Some of the various blue/green stormwater infrastructure that are available to slow down flooding are shown in the graphic on the right. We have also noted the best management techniques for the Goodstock neighborhood in particular, these are highlighted in blue.



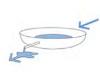
Flow Control

A device used to control the flow of stormwater entering or leaving a stormwater treatment or retention system at a designed flow rate. The control of stormwater flow is necessary for any stormwater management system. ("Stormwater Flow Controls")



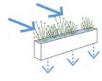
Filtration

A filtration device is designed to slow the flow of rainwater and remove particles from the water through porous media such as sand and plant materials. (Low Impact Development: A Design Manual for Urban Areas)



Detention (Dry Pond)

Detention ponds are dry ponds that are used to temporarily hold stormwater, which is discharged slowly from the pond when water levels in local pipes decrease. (The Stormwater Blog)



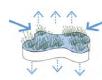
Infiltration

Rainwater infiltration is the process by which rainwater flows into the soil and eventually replenishes streams, lakes, rivers and aquifers. (Weaver, 2014)



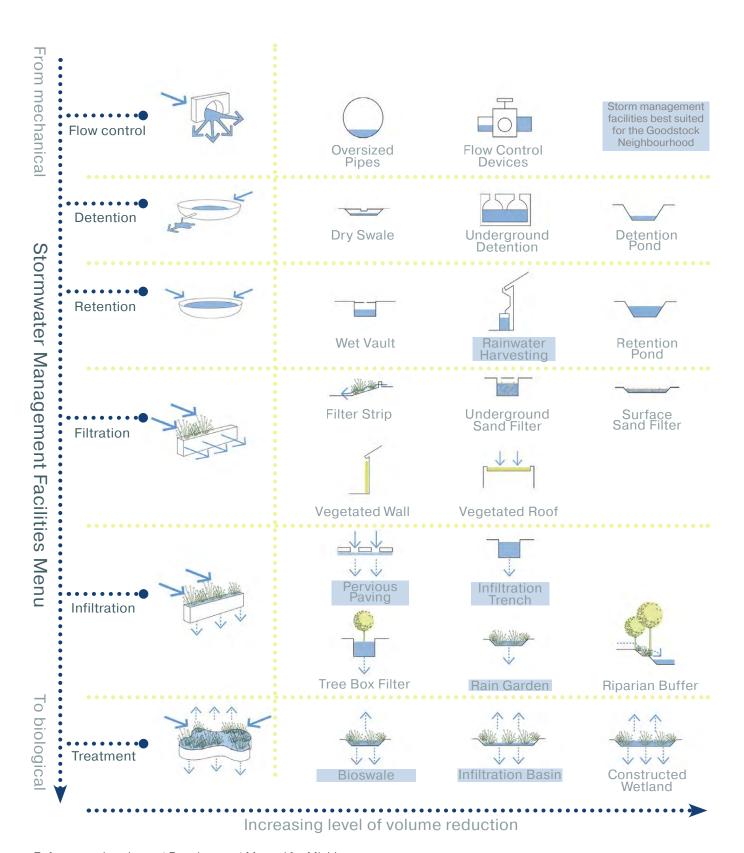
Retention (Wet Pond)

Retention ponds are wet ponds that retain water on a permanent basis. The water level in the pond rises and falls depending on how much rain comes from the runoff area. (The Stormwater Blog)



Treatment

Stormwater treatement refers to the removal of pollutants using phytoremediation (plant based) or bacterial colonies. (Low Impact Development: A Design Manual for Urban Areas)



References: Low Impact Development Manual for Michigan Low Impact Development: A Design Manual for Urban Areas



Rainwater Harvesting

Rainwater harvesting a structure designed to trap and store runoff from a roof. The systems allows for the reuse of rainwater, reducing water waste. The collected water is often used for irrigation or other needs. (SEMCOG, 2008)

Benefits:

- Domestic water supplement
- Wide range of applications
- Reduce waste of potable water
- Reduce costs and increase environmental value

Limitations:

 It can only cope with small storm event, requiring extra management and equipment to store stromwater
 (SEMCOG, 2008)

STORMWATER QUANTITY FUNCTIONS		
Volume	High	
Groundwater Recharge	Low	
Peak Rate	Low (depending on site design)	
ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS		
CostRain BarrelCisternMedium		
Maintenance	Medium	

Rain barrel

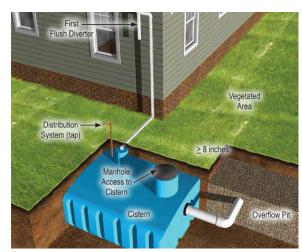
Rainwater barrels are connected to a roof drain pipe for direct storage of rainwater running off the roof. Rain barrels are common in individual homes where rainwater is reused for garden irrigation, including landscaped beds, trees, or other vegetated areas. (SEMCOG, 2008)

Cisterns

Cisterns have a greater storage capacity than rain barrels. Although cisterns can also be utilized for irrigation purposes, they are generally used to supplement sewage needs (such as flushing toilets or other sanitary sewer purposes). Cisterns can be made of fiberglass, concrete, plastic, brick or other materials and can be installed above or underground. Their storage capacity varies from 200 to 10,000 gallons. (SEMCOG, 2008)



Rain barrel SOURCE: Brick + Beam Detroit



Cistern Diagram SOURCE: Pg. 5-11, City of Dublin Stormwater Man-



In contrast to normal paving that simply moves runoff directly into storm-drains, pervious paving is an infiltration technique that can be used to percolate runoff into the soil below. Pervious paving is suitable for parking lots, walkways, sidewalks, playgrounds, plazas, tennis courts and other similar uses. (SEMCOG, 2008)

Benefits:

- Water flow control and groundwater recharge, moderate flood control
- Dual use for pavement structure and stormwater management

Limitations:

- · Pervious pavement not suitable for all uses
- High maintenance needs (SEMCOG, 2008)

Porous asphalt

Porous asphalt is standard asphalt that is reduced in fineness to allow water to pass through tiny voids. The appearance is similar to that of standard asphalt. (SEMCOG, 2008)

Pervious concrete

Pervious concrete, which has a coarser appearance than conventional concrete, creates drainage spaces by reducing the number of fine particles. In Detroit, the bottom of pervious concrete must have a stone base for storm water management and must never be placed directly on the soil base. More information about pervious concrete is available from the Michigan Concrete Association (www.miconcrete.org/). (SEMCOG, 2008)

Permeable paver blocks

Permeable pavers consist of interlocking units. These units provide space to fill with permeable materials. With a tendency to be aesthetically pleasing, permeable paver blocks are particularly suitable for plazas, patios, parking lots, and low-speed streets. (SEMCOG, 2008)

STORMWATER QUANTITY FUNCTIONS			
/olume	High		
Groundwater Recharge	High		
Peak Rate	Med/High		
ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS			
Cost	Medium		
Maintenance	High		
Vinter Performance	Medium		



Comparison of water permeability between normal asphalt (left) and porous asphalt (right) SOURCE: civilogistix.com



Comparison of water permeability between standard concrete and pervious concrete (right) SOURCE: Pinterest



Permeable paver blocks SOURCE: Pine



Infiltration Trench

An infiltration trench is a straight pipe with holes that sits within a stone-filled trench wrapped in geotextile fabric (permeable materials). An infiltration trench is typically part of a conveyance system and is intended to divert rainwater and reduce runoff by temporarily storing it. Over time, the stormwater will infiltrate into the natural soil around the infiltration trench and filter out particles as it passes through the medium. Infiltration trenches are particularly useful for poorly drained soils, but it is important to note that trees should not be planted near them. (SEMCOG, 2008)

Benefits:

- Reduces volume of stormwater runoff
- Peak flow reduction
- Increases groundwater recharge
- Provides thermal benefits

Limitations:

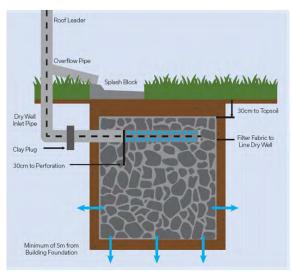
- Pretreatment is required to prevent clogging
- Not recommended for areas with steep slopes

(SEMCOG, 2008)

STORMWATER QUANTITY FUNCTIONS		
Volume	Medium	
Groundwater Recharge	High	
Peak Rate	Low/Med	
INFILTRATION BMP	MAX. DRAINAGE AREA	
Infiltration Trench	2 acres	
CONSTRUCTION COSTS	MAINTENANCE COSTS	



Residential infiltration trench SOURCE: The Whole Blooming Landscape



Schematic of a residential infiltration trench SOURCE: City Of Windsor



Rain gardens are shallow depressions planted with native plants that are specially chosen to collect and treat stormwater runoff. The image below depicts the technical structure of a rain garden, but each garden can be unique to its surroundings and requirements. Pond depth, soil mixture, infiltration beds, perforated under-drains, domed risers, and positive overflow structures can be designed to meet specific stormwater management requirements. (SEMCOG, 2008)

Benefits:

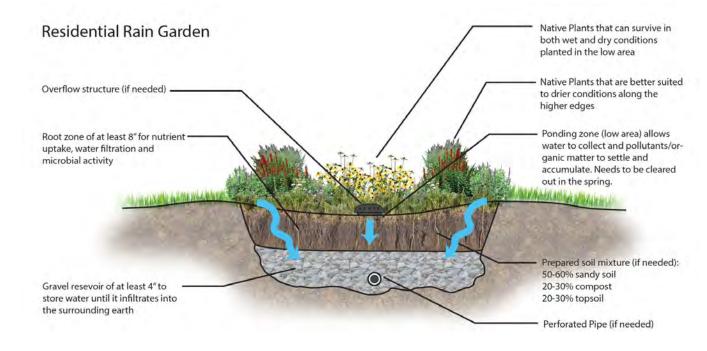
- Water flow control and groundwater recharge, moderate peak rate control, filtration
- It is widely used and applicable
- · Enhance site aesthetics, habitat
- Potential air quality and climate benefits

Limitations:

- Higher maintenance until vegetation is established
- Requires careful selection and establishment of plants

(SEMCOG, 2008)

STORMWATER QUANTITY FUNCTIONS				
Volume	Med/High			
Groundwater Recharge	Med/High			
Peak Rate	Medium			
ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS				
Cost	Medium			
Maintenance Medium				
Winter Performance	Medium			



Schematic of a small residential rain garden SOURCE: Holeman Landscape



A bioswale is a shallow linear channel densely planted with a variety of grasses, shrubs, and/ or trees designed to slow, filter, and infiltrate stormwater runoff. (SEMCOG, 2008)

Benefits:

- · Can replace curb and gutter for site drainage to save costs
- Improve water quality
- Peak and volume control with infiltration

Limitations:

- Limited application in spaces with limited area
- · Unless designed for infiltration, peak and volume control are limited (SEMCOG, 2008)

STORMWATER QUANTITY FUNCTIONS			
Volume		Low/Med	
Groundwater Recharge		Low/Med	
Peak Rate		Low/Med	
ADDITION	AL CONSII	DERATIONS	
Cost	Cost		
Maintenance		Low/Med	
Winter Performance		Medium	
CONSTRUC- TION COST (PER	\$4.50 - 9 seed)	88.50 (from	
LINEAR FOOT)	\$15 - \$2	0 (from sod)	
ANNUAL O & M COST (PER LINEAR FOOT)	\$0.75		
TOTAL ANNU- AL COST (PER LINEAR FOOT)	\$1 from seed \$2 from sod		
LIFETIME (YEARS)	50		



Infiltration Basins are an open shallow area where existing soil and native vegetation temporarily store and permeate stormwater runoff. Sediment pretreatment is an important step in order to prevent clogging of the infiltration surface area (SEMCOG, 2008).

Benefits:

- Reduces volume of stormwater runoff
- Reduces peak rate runoff
- Increases groundwater recharge

Limitations:

- Pretreatment is required to prevent clogging
- Not recommended for areas with steep slopes

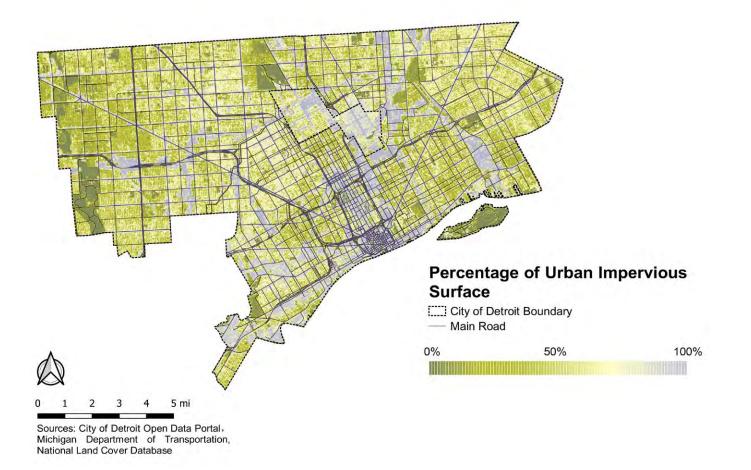
(SEMCOG, 2008)

STORMWATER QUANTITY FUNCTIONS		
Volume	High	
Groundwater Recharge	High	
Peak Rate	High	
INFILTRATION BMP	MAX. DRAINAGE AREA	
Infiltration Trench	10 acres	
CONSTRUCTION COSTS	MAINTENANCE COSTS	

URBAN HEAT ISLAND MITIGATION

areas that experience higher surface and air temperatures relative to surrounding suburbs and exurbs. Approximately 76.5% of Detroit's land is already developed, meaning large areas of impervious surface, such as concrete and asphalt. These materials absorb heat and radiate it into the air, causing the is important that Detroit communities take in the summer and thus more vulnerable (Gregg et al., 2012)

Urban heat islands (UHI) occur in urban to extreme heat events. Additionally, there are many heat-related health effects that include asthma, allergies, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and deaths from heat waves. As Detroit is more vulnerable to rising temperatures than any other part of Michigan, this is particularly concerning. Therefore, it surface temperature to rise. These land-cover steps to reduce the urban heat island effect. interactions cause urban areas to be hotter especially in the context of global warming.



Percentage of Urban Impervious Surface

Cool Pavements

Cool pavements are a strategy used to mitigate urban heat islands. The technical approach is to use reflective and permeable pavements because their surface temperatures are generally lower than those of traditional paving materials. The figure below compares the structure of conventional pavement (dense graded asphalt or concrete with low albedo) with two types of cool pavement: reflective (e.g. coated) and permeable (with permeable surface). ("Reducing Urban Heat Islands: Compendium of Strategies Cool Pavements")

Reflective pavements

Unlike traditional sidewalks, reflective pavements reduce ground and air temperatures by increasing the amount of reflected solar radiation, but the reflected heat may affect pedestrian comfort, building energy use and carbon emissions. (Wang et al., 2021)

Benefits:

- Reduce urban energy consumption, especially during the hot season.
- Reflecting more light at night reduces the cost of street lighting and improves driving safety.
- Enhanced radiation from road surfaces can offset carbon emissions.

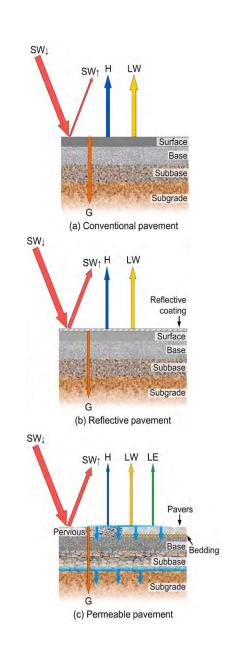
Limitations:

- The reflectivity of road surfaces can change over time due to weathering and soil accumulation. The albedo of asphalt pavement increases with time, and that of concrete pavement increases with time.
- Increased thermal exposure of pedestrians during the day can cause discomfort and glare.

(Wang et al., 2021)

Figure. SW, SW, LW, G, H, and LE denote downward shortwave radiation (solar radiation), upward shortwave radiation (reflected), net longwave radiation, heat conduction, sensible heat flux, and latent heat flux, respectively.

SOURCE: Cool pavements for urban heat island mitigation: A synthetic review



Cool Roofs

Cool roofs can also help address heat island effects. Cool roofing products are made of highly reflective and emissive materials that can remain approximately 50 to 60°F (28-33°C) cooler than traditional materials during peak summer weather. Traditional roofs in the United States, in contrast, can reach summer peak temperatures of 150 to 185°F (66-85°C), thus creating a series of hot surfaces as well as warmer air temperatures nearby. ("Reducing Urban Heat Islands: Compendium of Strategies Cool Roofs")

On hot, sunny summer days, a black roof reflects 5% of the sun's energy and emits more than 90% of the heat it absorbs, with temperatures up to 180°F(82°C). A metal roof will reflect most of the sun's energy while releasing about a quarter of its heat, with temperatures up to 160°F(71°C). A cool roof will reflect and release most of the solar energy and reach a peak temperature of 120°F(49°C). ("Reducing Urban Heat Islands: Compendium of Strategies Cool Roofs")

180°F black roof low solar reflectance high emittance solar reflectance solar reflectance low emittance emittance reflectance emittance emittance

Comparison of different types of roofs SOURCE: Reducing Urban Heat Islands: Compendium of Strategies - Cool Roofs

Benefits:

- Cooler outside air.
- · Better air quality.
- · Slowed climate change.
- Energy and cost savings.
- · Improved indoor comfort.

Limitations:

- The demand for heating increases in winter.
- Glare is sometimes a problem on cool pavements.

("Reducing Urban Heat Islands: Compendium of Strategies Cool Roofs")

Increased Vegetation

Trees and herbaceous plants are an affordable and easy-to-implement urban heat island mitigation tool. In addition to creating shade, vegetation can also improve air quality by removing pollutants such as carbon monoxide and dust particles from the air. ("Reducing Urban Heat Islands: Compendium of Strategies Trees and Vegetation")

Shade trees

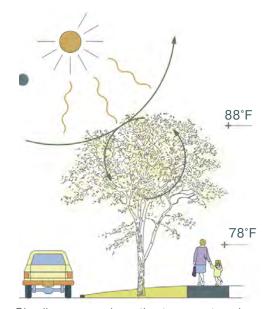
Leaves and branches can reduce the amount of solar radiation that reaches the ground, thereby lowering surface temperatures. These cooler surfaces, in turn, reduce heat transfer to buildings and the atmosphere. Trees can also act as windbreaks or windshields in order to reduce wind speeds near buildings. Especially in winter, lowering the wind speed of the cold north wind can reduce heating consumption of buildings. ("Reducing Urban Heat Islands: Compendium of Strategies Trees and Vegetation")

Native plants

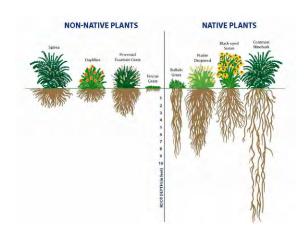
In the United States, native plants are defined as those found naturally in a particular area before European colonization. Native plants provide habitat and essential food sources for birds and are the foundation of an area's biodiversity. Native plants usually require minimal maintenance because they are adapted to local precipitation and soil conditions, thus being environmentally beneficial and saving money. In addition, the roots of native plants help the infiltration of rainwater. ("Native Plants")

Resources

- Michigan Flora (University of Michigan Herbarium): https://michiganflora.net/
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center: https:// www.wildflower.org/plants/
- Michigan Natural Features Inventory: https:// plants.usda.gov/home
- Native Plants Database National Audubon Society: https://www.audubon.org/nativeplants



Shading can reduce the temperature below the tree canopy by about 10 $^{\circ}$ F (6 $^{\circ}$ C) SOURCE: Author



Due to the strong roots of native plants, landscaping with native plants is a great way to reduce the amount of nutrients and runoff that leaves your property.

SOURCE: https://toledolakeerie.clearchoices-cleanwater.org/

List of recommended trees for the city of Detroit

This recommended tree list contains major urban tolerance trees on both public and private properties, including some native species. ("List of Recommended Trees for The City of Detroit")

COMMON NAME	LATIN NAME	FLOOD TOLERANCE	DROUGHT TOLERANCE
Red Oak	Quercus rubra	High	Low
Ohio Buckeye	Aesculus glabra	Extended	Moderate
Gingko (male)	Ginkgo biloba	Occasional	High
American Horn- beam	Carpinus caroliniana	Occasional	Moderate
Bald Cypress	Taxodium distichum	Extended	High
Black Gum	Nyssa sylvatica	Extended	Moderate
Canada Service- berry	Amelanchier canadensis	Occasional	Moderate
White Pine	Pinus strobus		Low

Visit https://www.greeningofdetroit.com/caring-for-trees for a list of recommended trees in Detroit and more information on buying new trees.

List of prohibited trees for the city of Detroit

Trees may also have disadvantages. Pollen from some male trees can cause allergies and breathing problems. Other trees emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which can reduce air quality. There are also uncertain safety issues such as spreading roots, falling fruit and seeds, broken and low-hanging branches. These issues need to be considered when placing trees. (Staff, 2021)

COMMON NAME	LATIN NAME	NOTES
Ash (all varieties, unless EAB resistant)	Fraxinus spp.	Fatally prone to pests, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) problem
American Elm (native)	Ulmus americana	Fatally prone to Dutch Elm disease
Black locust	Robinia pseudoacacia	Aggressive spreader, cultivars can revert back to thorned native
Ginkgo (female)	Ginkgo biloba	Messy, smelly fruit
Honeylocust(thorned)	Gleditsia tricanthos	Overplanted. Messy fruit, prone to disease and numerous, painful thorns.

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Case Studies

research methods under a similar context. This allows us to inform design decisions with broader perspectives as well as provide a greater understanding to new design theories. Thus in this section we selected several case studies to show you some of the different and innovative design approaches that have been applied to other communities who have also been combating similar issues such as vacant

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Additionally, a case study matrix was created with a variety of case studies to compare and display some of the specific methods adopted by using the typologies matching with our own designs.



SOURCE: climate.asla.org/FitzgeraldRevitalizationPlan.html

PROJECT

Fitzgerald Revitalization Project

Year: 2017

Location: Detroit, MI Budget: \$15 Million

Re-imagining a More Sustainable Cleveland

Year: 2008 Location: Cleveland Budget: \$1 Million

PUSH project in Buffalo (the green development zone)

Year: 2017

Location: Buffalo, NY

Neighborhood Detox: Enhancing Resilience in a Hazard Vulnerable Area

Year: 2016 (Competition Project) Location: Houston, TX

Sifting the Landscape: Transforming Vacant Lands through Smart Decline

Year: 2016 (Competition Project) Location: Dayton, OH

TOP PERFORMANCE GOALS



PARK



POLLINATOR HABITAT



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



FARMERS MARKET



URBAN AGRICULTURE



PARK



PARK



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



PUBLIC ART



POLLINATOR HABITAT



URBAN AGRICULTURE



PUBLIC ART



FARMERS MARKET



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



PLAYGROUND

FITZGERALD REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Location: Detroit, Michigan

Company: Spackman Mossop Michaels

"The Fitzgerald Revitalization Plan envisions a new way to help distressed neighborhoods: focus on the landscape of the entire neighborhood rather than blighted properties on a lot-by-lot basis. The project considers all vacant and blighted properties in the entire one-quarter-square-mile neighborhood, envisioning an entirely blight-free community. Healthy landscapes became the framework

that holds together all the other initiatives in the neighborhood—affordable housing, crime reduction, improved health outcomes, and workforce development, among others. The vision of a healthy, walkable, vibrant neighborhood with access to parks, greenways, and community spaces is the idea around which the other initiatives revolve."

- climate.asla.org/FitzgeraldRevitalizationPlan. html



SOURCE: climate.asla.org/FitzgeraldRevitalizationPlan.html

Goals:

The project aims to create landscapes as the Framework for Community Reinvestment. This includes a healthy, walkable, vibrant neighborhood with access to parks, greenways, and community spaces.

Challenges:

- Vacant, overgrown lots
- Empty houses, some in good shape, some in grave disrepair
- Bad street layout, lack of pedestrian routes, and the high speed of traffic

Project Development:

- 1. Count and analyze all vacant houses in a neighborhood
- 2. Classify by adjacency, size, distribution and ownership
- 3. Decide important spatial nodes
- 4. Highlight large living areas
- 5. Decide location of central park and 5-10 min walk boundary
- 6. Decide two greenways







SOURCE: asla.org/2017awards/327798.html

PROJECT COMPONENTS

Ella Fitzgerald Park

Central park connection with greenway and serve as a community gathering space.

Fitzgerald Greenway

Connect two sides and create new pedestrian and bicycle routs. Plant new canopy trees.

Productive Landscape Initiative

Market-driven landscape based business, such as local food production, hops production for local breweries, or cut flowers.

Landscape Stewardship Plan

Implement a series of landscape typologies including orchards, pollinator meadows, community gathering spaces, and community gardens.

PUSH PROJECT IN BUFFALO (THE GREEN **DEVELOPMENT ZONE)**

Location: Cleveland, OH

Company: PUSH Buffalo, The Wash Project, Ujima Theater

"Ten years ago, PUSH Buffalo, an upstate affordable housing developer and internationally-recognized leader in the field of sustainable community development, established the Green Development Zone design and development of the GDZ with (GDZ) – a 25-square block area on Buffalo's neighborhood planning support, community West Side, home to a concentration of affordable housing, workforce training

programs, green infrastructure, community facilities. For the past three years, HST has been working with PUSH to increase local resident involvement in the ongoing mapping, way-finding, and interactive engagement tools."

- hesterstreet.org/projects/push-buffalo-thegreen-development-zone-and-school-77



SOURCE: www.pushbuffalo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/PPG-PUSH-GDZ-Report.6.2017.pdf

Goals:

The goal of the project was to create a framework for community reinvestment. This was in addition to a healthy, walkable, vibrant neighborhood with access to parks, greenways, and community spaces.

Challenges:

- Stakeholder engagement and employment challenges
- Keeping the price of the services affordable
- Maintaining collaborations with local unions

Methods:

- 1. Community Engagement
- 2. Green and Affordable Housing
- 3. Greening Vacant Lots
- 4. Creation of Community Public Space
- 5. Art and Culture







SOURCE: https://www.pushbuffalo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/PPG-PUSH-GDZ-Report.6.2017.pdf

PROJECT COMPONENTS

Leadership Training

Developing leadership within the community is beneficial to PUSH because community leaders can share work and encourage community participation.

Community Engagement

Door-knocking Meetings Text Message Social Media Campaigns

Initiatives within the Green Development Zone

Establish methods to create green and affordable housing, take over vacant lots to better serve the community, making gathering places, assisting arts and culture organizations and projects, etc.

Resources



CLIMATE RESOURCES



Greening of Detroit

Greening of Detroit's mission is to guide and inspire others to create a 'greener' Detroit through planting and educational programs environmental leadership, advocacy, and by building community capacity.

www.greeningofdetroit.com



DTE Energy

The DTE Energy website offers many resources and tips for reducing energy in residences along with information on rebates for energy saving. appliances.

www.DTEEnergy.com



Climate Change Youth Guide to Action

A resource guide for youth to take action in climate change.

www.climate.takingitglobal.org



EPA: Green Infrastructure

Here you can learn about local drinking water reports and watershed information for your area.

https://www.epa.gov/environmental-topics/water-topics



SEMCOG: Low Impact Development Manual for Michigan

This manual demonstrates different green infrastructure opportunities for Michigan.

http://www.semcog.org/lowimpactdevelopment.aspx



FUNDING RESOURCES



Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs)

The program supports community development activities to build stronger and more resilient communities.

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/



Michigan Community Resilience Program

The program assists with strengthening the infrastructure and capacity of nonprofits to respond to rural and urban needs.

https://www.michigan.gov/leo/0,5863,7-336-94421_95498_6158-547244--_00.html



The Americana Foundation

The foundation supports locally grown food, sustainable and fair food systems in addition to community-based agriculture.

http://www.americanafoundation.org/agri_grants.asp



Green Infrastructure Funding Opportunities

The EPA website has many resources for stormwater projects, including assistance programs, publications, and financing tools.

https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/green-infrastructure-funding-opportunities



Prosperus Detroit Mico-Lending

The program provides access to capital for start-up and existing small businesses in targeted neighborhoods across Detroit. They also provide a wealth of funding knowledge on their website.

www.prosperusdetroit.org/micro-lending/



Michigan Women Forward

With more than 30 years of high impact work, Michigan Women's Foundation is devoted to fostering economic empowerment for Michigan's women and girls through philanthropy and investment.

niwt.org



DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES



Detroit Zoning Portal

This tool simplifies the site selection process and shows you where your project is allowed.

https://zoning.detroitmi.gov



Development Opportunities Map

The interactive map allows you to search for property information across Detroit.

https://detroitmi.gov/webapp/detroit-development-opportunities



Detroit Housing for the Future Fund

The fund was put in place to invest in quality affordable housing for Detroit residents.

https://www.detroithousingforthefuturefund.org



Capital Impact Partners

Capital Impact Partners is dedicated to delivering both the capital and commitment that help build strong, vibrant communities of opportunity.

https://www.capitalimpact.org/what/mission-driven-financing/



Invest Detroit

Invest Detroit was created to bring partnerships and philanthropic resources together to support real estate and business projects that struggle to find traditional financing.

https://investdetroit.com/what-we-do/#realestate



LISC Detroit

LISC Detroit serves the city through various grants, loans, and programs investments.

https://www.lisc.org/detroit/



Enterprise

Our Detroit work focuses on leveraging those assets with capital, programs and policy to advance racial equity and preserve affordable homes.

https://www.enterprisecommunity.org/about/where-we-work/detroit



POLICY RESOURCES



DLBA Vacant Land Policy

Greening of Detroit's mission is to guide and inspire others to create a 'greener' Detroit through planting and educational programs environmental leadership, advocacy, and by building

https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2020-07/DLBA%20-%20 Vacant%20Land%20Policy%2020203.pdf



Detroit Climate Action Plan

This plan proposes specific ideas and goals with benchmarks for the city to serve as a stimulus for generating public and political support for climate action.

https://detroitenvironmentaljustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/CAP_WEB.pdf



Detroit Sustainability Action Agenda

The agenda outlines a strategic road map to create a more sustainable city where all Detroit residents thrive and prosper.

https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2019-06/Detroit-Sustainability-Action-Agenda-Web.pdf



Detroit Policy Conference

The conference is a great resource of information for stakeholders looking to lead a sustainable future for Detroit.

https://www.detroitchamber.com/dpc/



DIY RESOURCES



DIY Raised Garden Beds

Step-by-step instructions on how to construct raised garden beds for your own backyard.

https://queenbeetoday.com/how-to-build-raised-garden-beds/



DIY Concrete Stepping

This tutorial shows you how to make beautiful concrete stepping stones with leaves from your garden! This is a fun and easy way to add structure and creativity to your garden design.

Farmhouseandblooms.com/how-to-make-concrete-stepping-stones-with-leaves



Keep Growing Detroit

The Urban Gardening Guides are a series of short and easy-to-follow instructional guides designed by the staff to share best practices honed over decades of experience in the field.

detroitagriculture.net/garden-resource-program-2/garden-guides-curriculum/



LAND USE RESOURCES



Detroit Future City Working With Lots

The Detroit Future City (DFC) Field Guide to Working with Lots is a tool to better connect Detroit residents to resources in order to learn, collaborate, and better practice land stewardship in Detroit.

 $\underline{https:/\!/detroitfuturecity.com/\!whatwedo/\!land\text{-}use/DFC\text{-}lots/\!lot\text{-}designs/\!}$



DLBA Land Reuse Program

To establish more land ownership opportunities for residents, the DLBA is proud to announce our newest land reuse strategies, and additional vacant land sales programs

https://buildingdetroit.org/land-reuse-programs



OTHER RESOURCES



MSU Soil Test

The tool offers a home soil test service and personalized fertilizer recommendations to grow healthy beautiful garden while protecting the environment

homesoiltest.msu.edu/get-started



Detroit Abloom

Detroit Abloom is a model land-use demonstration project, based on using cut flower farming and the creation of native plant sanctuary gardens to re-purpose vacant blighted land.

www.detroitabloom.com



Become a Master Rain Gardener

This program, run by the Friends of the Rouge, teaches you how to design and create your own rain gardens.

therouge.org/master-rain-gardener/

Appendix

APPENDIX A: PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATES/TAKEOFFS

PRODUCTIVE SIDE YARD



Preliminary Cost Estimate

Material costs: \$2.66/sf

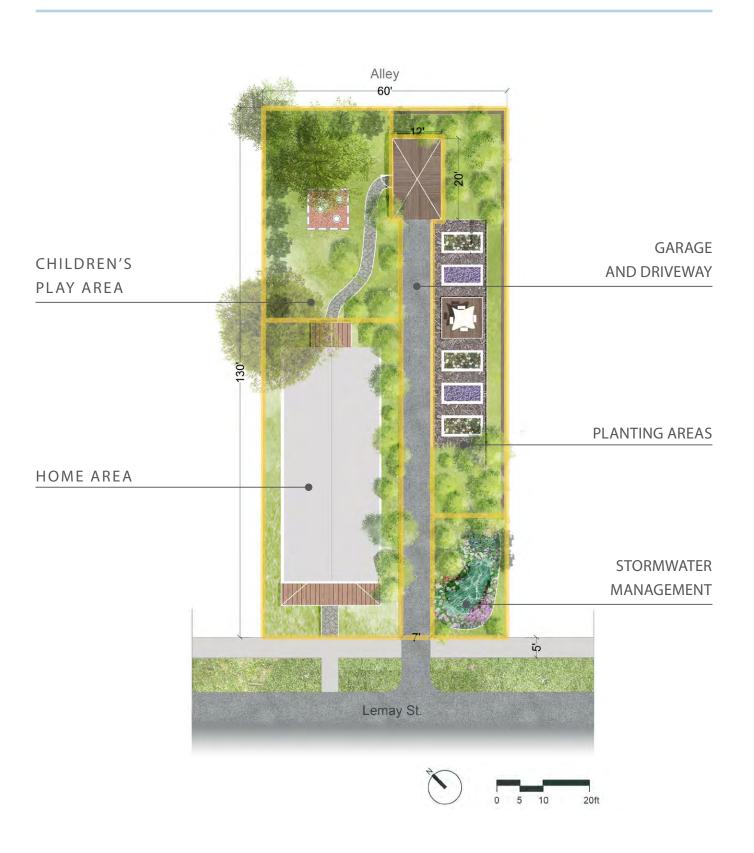
DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL COST
Home Area	
Wood Deck	
Sodded Lawn	Subtotal Home Area: \$4,607
Community Meeting Space	
Pavers, including base materials	
Pea Gravel, 3" depth	
Wood Deck	
Wooden Picnic Table	Subtotal Community Meeting Space: \$6,967
Planting Area	
Pavers, including base materials	
Raised Planting Beds	
Planting Soil	
Greenhouse	
<u>Shrub (#5)</u>	Subtotal Planting Area: \$9,240
Park	
Sodded Lawn	
Pavers, including base materials	
<u>Pavilion</u>	Subtotal Park: \$5,149
Stormwater Management	
<u>Plants</u>	
Sodded Lawn	Subtotal Stormwater Management: \$2,184
	Total: \$28,147

Preliminary Takeoff (10,584sf): Home Lot + Two Lots

DESCRIPTION	SQUARE FOOTAGE
Home Area	3,528
Community Meeting Space	1,330
Planting Areas	2,157
Park	2,693
Stormwater Management	876
Total	10,584

Costs listed are strictly estimates and should be used for rough budgeting purposes only. These costs represent material costs and do not include the cost of purchasing the land, permitting, installation, delivery, site preparation, utilities, lighting, and maintenance.

ACCESSORY STRUCTURE LOT - SINGLE



Preliminary Cost Estimate

Material costs: \$3.26/sf

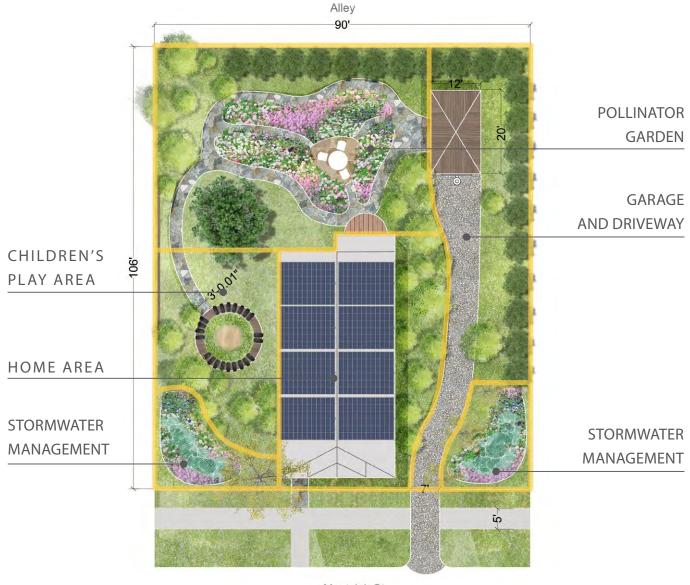
DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL COST
Home Area	
Pavers, including base materials	
Native Plant Plugs	Subtotal Home Area: \$1,562
Garage and Driveway	
Single Car Garage	
Garage Foundation	
Asphalt Driveway	Subtotal Garage and Driveway: \$11,244
Planting Area	
Pea Gravel, 3" depth	
Wooden Picnic Table	
Raised Planting Beds	
Planting Soil	
Native Plant Plugs	
36'' Split Rail Fence	
Evergreen Hedge	Subtotal Planting Area: \$6,182
Children's Play Area	
Pavers, including base materials	
Native Plant Plugs	
Rubber Mulch, 3" depth	
Evergreen Hedge	Subtotal Children's Play Area: \$2,918
Stormwater Management	
Native Plant Plugs	
Rain Garden Plants	Subtotal Stormwater Management: \$3,542
	Total: \$25,448

Preliminary Takeoff (7,800sf): Home Lot + One Lots

DESCRIPTION	SQUARE FOOTAGE
Home Area	2,646
Garage and Driveway	957
Planting Areas	1,915
Children's Play Area	1,735
Stormwater Management	547
Total	7,800

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ACCESSORY STRUCTURE LOT - BOTH SIDES



Montclair St.



Preliminary Cost Estimate Material costs: \$3.87/sf

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DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL COST
Home Area	
Native Plant Plugs	
Pavers, including base materials	
Solar Power Kit	Subtotal Home Area: \$13,263
Garage and Driveway	
Single Car Garage	
Garage Foundation	
Evergreen Hedge	
Gravel Driveway	Subtotal Garage and Driveway: \$10,115
Pollinator Garden	
Pavers, including base materials	
<u>Shrub (#5)</u>	
Evergreen Hedge	
Wood Deck	
Native Plant Plugs	
36'' Split Rail Fence	
Bistro Table + 3 chair	Subtotal Pollinator Garden: \$8,457
Children's Play Area	
Pavers, including base materials	
<u>Shrub (#5)</u>	
36'' Split Rail Fence	
Recycled Tires	
Sand, 6" depth	Subtotal Children's Play Area : \$1,699
Stormwater Management	
Shrub (#5)	
Rain Garden Plants	Subtotal Stormwater Management: \$3,359

Preliminary Takeoff (9,540sf): Home Lot + One Lots

DESCRIPTION	SQUARE FOOTAGE
Home Area	2,249
Garage and Driveway	1,972
Pollinator Garden	3,166
Children's Play Area	1,295
Stormwater Management	858
Total	9,540

Costs listed are strictly estimates and should be used for rough budgeting purposes only. These costs represent material costs and do not include the cost of purchasing the land, permitting, installation, delivery, site preparation, utilities, lighting, and maintenance.

ACCESSORY STRUCTURE LOT - MERGED

Preliminary Takeoff (11,700sf): Home Lot + Two Lots

DESCRIPTION	SQUARE FOOTAGE
Home Area	1,632
Garage and Driveway	1,923
Hoop House Area	1,606
Children's Play Area	1,962
Backyard Garden	903
Community Event Area	899
Art Lot Area	1,508
Stormwater Management	1,267
Total	11,700

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Preliminary Cost Estimate Material costs: \$4.12/sf

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DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL COST
Home Area	
Native Plant Plugs	
Pavers, including base materials	
Solar Power Kit	Subtotal Home Area: \$12,260
Garage and Driveway	
Two-Car Garage	
Garage Foundation	
Asphalt Driveway	
36" Split Rail Fence	Subtotal Garage and Driveway: \$17,413
Hoop House Area	
<u>Shrub (#5)</u>	
36'' Split Rail Fence	
Hoop House (10' x 3')	
Pavers, including base materials	Subtotal Hoop House Area: \$1,964
Children's Play Area	
<u>Shrub (#5)</u>	
Evergreen Hedge	
Bounce Castle	Subtotal Children's Play Area: \$1,470
Community Event Area	
Pavers, including base materials	
Native Plant Plugs	
36" Split Rail Fence	
Cedar Frame Gazebo	
Composite Flower Bed Edging	Subtotal Community Event Area: \$4,465
Backyard Garden	
Wood Deck	
<u>Shrub (#5)</u>	
Pea Gravel, 3" depth	Subtotal Backyard Garden: \$3,505
Art Lot Area	
Pavers, including base materials	
Bistro Table + 3 chair	
Recycled Tires	
Drawing Board(48" x 72")	
Rubber Mulch, 3" depth	Subtotal Art Lot Area: \$3,443
Stormwater Management	
Native Plant Plugs	
Evergreen Hedge	
<u>Plants</u>	
Composite Flower Bed Edging	Subtotal Stormwater Management: \$3,679
	Total: \$48,198

OVERSIZE LOT - COMMUNITY HAVEN



Preliminary Cost Estimate

Material costs: \$4.28/sf

DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL COST
Art and Display	
Sodded Lawn	
Wood Deck	
Pavers, including base materials	
<u>Pavilion</u>	
Wood Bench	Subtotal Art and Display: \$15,886
Community Meeting Space	
Sodded Lawn	
Pavers, including base materials	
Wood Deck	
Wooden Picnic Table	
Wood Bench	Subtotal Community Meeting Space: \$10,124
Planting Area	
Pea Gravel, 3" depth	
Raised Planting Beds	
Planting Soil	Subtotal Planting Area: \$1,964
Lawn Area	
Pavers, including base materials	
<u>Shrub (#5)</u>	
Sodded Lawn	Subtotal Lawn Area: \$4,161
	Total: \$32,135

Preliminary Takeoff (7,500sf): One Lot

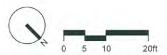
DESCRIPTION	SQUARE FOOTAGE
Art and Display	2,435
Planting Areas	1,470
Community Meeting Space	2,035
Lawn Area	1,560
Total	7,500

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NEIGHBORHOOD LOT - NATIVE GARDEN



Seminole St.



Preliminary Cost Estimate Material costs: \$2.93/sf

DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL COST
Community Garden Area	
Pavers, including base materials	
Pea Gravel, 3" depth	
Raised Planting Beds	
Planting Soil	
<u>Shrub (#5)</u>	
Evergreen Hedge	
Wood Bench	Subtotal Community Garden Area: \$5,166
Gathering Space	
Pavers, including base materials	
Drawing Board(48" x 72")	
Planting Soil	
Wood Bench	Subtotal Gathering Space: \$3,790
Stormwater Management	
<u>Shrub (#5)</u>	
Rain Garden Plants	
Wood Bench	Subtotal Stormwater Management: \$3,633
Lawn Area	
Sodded Lawn	
Pavers, including base materials	
<u>Shrub (#5)</u>	
Evergreen Hedge	Subtotal Lawn: \$6,770
	Total: \$19,359

Preliminary Lot Takeoff (6,600sf): Two Lots

DESCRIPTION	SQUARE FOOTAGE
Community Garden Area	1,870
Gathering Space	500
Stormwater Management	1,460
Lawn	2,770
Total	6,600

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INFILL LOT - DUPLEX DESIGN



Preliminary Cost Estimate Material costs: \$59.8/sf

DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL COST
House	
Home (two-story)	
Wood Deck	Subtotal House: \$257,472
Parking and Driveway	
Concrete Driveway	
Permeable Parking	Subtotal Parking and Driveway: \$8,300
Yard	
Sodded Lawn	
<u>Shrub (#5)</u>	
Street Tree, assume 3" caliper	Subtotal Yard: \$2,125
	Total: \$267,897

Preliminary Takeoff (4,480sf): One Lot

DESCRIPTION	SQUARE FOOTAGE
Community Garden Area	1,296
Parking and Driveway	1,690
Yard	1,494
Total	4,480

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HOMESTEAD LOTS - COMMUNITY GARDEN





Preliminary Cost Estimate

Material costs: \$2.2/sf

DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL COST
Home Area	
Sodded Lawn	
Wood Deck	
Shrub (#5)	
Permeable Parking	Subtotal Home Area: \$7,872
Gathering Space	
Sodded Lawn	
Pavers, including base materials	
Wooden Picnic Table	
<u>Shrub (#5)</u>	
Evergreen Hedge	Subtotal Gathering Space: \$3,850
Stormwater Management	
Sodded Lawn	
<u>Shrub (#5)</u>	
Rain Garden Plants	Subtotal Stormwater Management: \$4,601
Community Garden	
Pea Gravel, 3" depth	
Raised Planting Beds	
Planting Soil	Subtotal Community Garden: \$6,865
Wood Deck	
	Total: \$23,188

Preliminary Takeoff (10,530sf): Home Lot + Two Lots

DESCRIPTION	SQUARE FOOTAGE			
Home Area	2,750			
Gathering Space	1,961			
Stormwater Management	1,683			
Community Garden	4,136			
Total	10,530			

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HOMESTEAD LOTS - SOCCER FIELD



Preliminary Cost Estimate

Material costs: \$1.52/sf

DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL COST			
Home Lot				
Pavers, including base materials				
Wood Deck	Subtotal Home Lot: \$1,729			
Soccer Field				
<u>Paint</u>				
Soccer Goal Posts				
Sodded Lawn Field	Subtotal Soccer Field: \$3,685			
Surrounding Features				
Sodded Lawn				
Pavers, including base materials				
Wooden Picnic Table				
Wood Deck				
Shrub (#5)	Subtotal Surrounding Features: \$21,286			
	Total: \$26,700			

Preliminary Takeoff (17,550sf): Home Lot + Two Lots

DESCRIPTION	SQUARE FOOTAGE			
Home Lot	3,510			
Soccer Field	6,110			
Surrounding Features	1,683			
Total	17,550			

Costs listed are strictly estimates and should be used for rough budgeting purposes only. These costs represent material costs and do not include the cost of purchasing the land, permitting, installation, delivery, site preparation, utilities, lighting, and maintenance.

HOMESTEAD LOTS - BASKETBALL COURT



Preliminary Cost Estimate

Material costs: \$6.36/sf

DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL COST
Home Lot	
Wood Bench	
Wood Deck	Subtotal Home Lot: \$6,905
Basketball Courts	
Concrete Slab	
Polypropylene Tile	
Game lines Painting	
<u>Hoop</u>	Subtotal Basketball Court: \$88,760
Surrounding Features	
Sodded Lawn	
Pavers, including base materials	
Shrub (#5)	Subtotal Surrounding Features: \$15,830
	Total: \$111,537

Preliminary Takeoff (17,550sf): Home Lot + Four Lots

DESCRIPTION	SQUARE FOOTAGE			
Home Lot	3,510			
Basketball Courts	7,650			
Surrounding Features	6,390			
Total	17,550			

Costs listed are strictly estimates and should be used for rough budgeting purposes only. These costs represent material costs and do not include the cost of purchasing the land, permitting, installation, delivery, site preparation, utilities, lighting, and maintenance.

APPENDIX B: OTHER ALLOWABLE ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

Allowable Accessory Uses and Structures on Urban Farms

- Aquaculture
- Hydroponics
- Aquaponics

Barns and/or other buildings for storage

- Structures for cold storage and processing

REFER TO SEC. 50-12-522/3. Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department ("Plot Plan, Site Design, and Maintenance Guide")

Allowable Accessory Uses and Structures on Urban Gardens

- Hoop houses or high tunnels
- Green houses
- Farm stands for on-site sales

REFER TO SEC. 50-12-522. Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department

Buildings over 200 square feet (residential zoning) or 120 square feet (all other zoning) require building permits. ("Plot Plan, Site Design, and Maintenance Guide")

AOUACULTURE (INTEGRATED RECYCLING SYSTEMS)



SOURCE: Agricultural Marketing Resource Center

HYDROPONICS



SOURCE: www.delawareonline.com/

AOUAPONICS



SOURCE: www.coloradoaguaponics.com/

GREENHOUSE



SOURCE: Pinterest

FARM STAND



SOURCE: Pinterest

HOOP HOUSE



SOURCE: https://moenvironment.

HOOP HOUSES

Hoop Houses are small, semi-mobile greenhouse structures used for initial seeding and the cultivation of heat-loving vegetables. Hoop Houses provide frost protection, limited insect protection and an extended vegetable growing season. Hoop Houses are easy to build and last for many years. ("Community Garden Guide Season Extension - Hoop Houses")

Benefits:

- · Remove seasonal plant dependence.
- Cost effective
- · Good soil management
- · Provide fresh produce to meet demand.
- · Easy to assemble.
- · Provide more work and activity space indoors.
- · The structure is quite robust and can withstand bad weather well.

("Community Garden Guide Season Extension -Hoop Houses")



SOURCE: Backwoods Mama

GREENHOUSE

This artificial insulation facility is mainly used for growing vegetables in the off-season. Made with either plastic or glass, the humidity and temperature in the greenhouse can be manually adjusted. ("Greenhouse | Definition, Types, and Uses")

Benefits:

- · Increase production.
- Maximize profits with limited farming space.
- Make farming regardless of season.
- Minimize production costs.

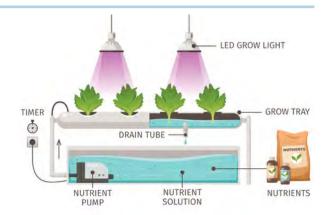
• Better control of weeds, pests and diseases. ("Greenhouse | Definition, Types, and Uses")



SOURCE: Home & Garden Information Center

HYDROPONICS

Hydroponics is the process of growing plants without soil. In hydroponics, plants are grown in a medium such as rock or coconut fiber and are sprayed with a solution containing a mixture of primary, secondary and micro-nutrients. Almost any plant can be hydroponic, including vegetables, herbs, fruits and flowers. ("What Exactly Is Hydroponics")



SOURCE: www.growsomegivesome.org

Benefits:

- Plants grow 50% faster than in soil.
- Hydroponic products usually contain more nutrients than conventionally grown products
- Plants grown in sterile media grow rapidly and are resistant to pests and diseases.
- They use smaller containers to save space
- Since no competing nutrients are needed, more plants can be grown in smaller areas.
- Increased control over growing conditions makes it easier to provide the best possible environment for plants, thereby improving product quality and yield.
- No weeding is required and requires less labor than planting in the soil. ("What Exactly Is Hydroponics")

AQUACULTURE (INTEGRATED RECYCLING SYSTEMS)

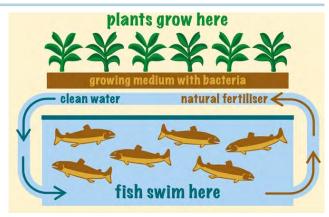
The integrated recycling system is arguably the largest "pure" method of fish farming, using large plastic tanks placed in greenhouses to raise fish. The waste produced by the fish is transferred to a nearby hydroponic bed to provide nutrients for crops growing in the bed. Most types of plants grown in hydroponic beds are herbaceous. ("Fish Farms | Fish Farming Information and Resources | Farms.Com")



SOURCE: The Fish Site

AQUAPONICS

Aquaponics is the combination of hydroponic and aquaculture, where farmed fish and hydroponic plants are placed in one united system. Plants get their food from the waste of aquatic animals. In return, the vegetables clean the water that the fish live in. Additionally, microorganisms play an important role in plant nutrition as well. These beneficial bacteria congregate in the spaces between plants' roots, converting fish waste and solids into something that plants can use to grow. (North, 2016)



SOURCE: https://phys.org/news/

Benefits:

- The symbiotic relationship between fish and vegetable allows the opportunity to grow fish and vegetables at the same time.
- · There is no need to use fertilizers.
- In eco-hydroponics, less water is used for crops.
- Regular garden pesticides and other chemicals are not used.
- · Produce healthier organic vegetables.
- · Eliminate soil-borne diseases.
- Save space and maximize benefits
- Plants grow rapidly.

(North, 2016)

APPENDIX C: INFILL LOTS

Submission Process:

- 1. A buyer needs to submit a thorough project plan, including financing and design documents. These items will be reviewed by the DLBA and City Planning staff in order to determine acceptance of application.
- 2. Factors included in the decision making process include offer price, community benefit, purchaser experience and financial capability, purchaser connection to the neighborhood, proposed use of the lot, and support of neighbors and local organizations.

Affordable Housing Discount Opportunities:

- 1. 50% off of the purchase price of land, if at least 25% of the units are affordable to those earning no more than 80% of AMI; or
- 2. 80% off of the purchase price of land, if at least 25% of units are affordable to those earning no more than 50% of AMI.

Affordable housing units are subject to monitoring by the City's Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity Department for 10 years.

Other Discount Opportunities:

- 1. City employee discount
- 2. Detroit school employee discount
- 3. Skilled trade employment program discount
- 4. Home-buyer counseling discount
- 5. A purchaser may also be eligible for discounts offered through the DLBA's Projects Procedures and Guidelines. However, a purchaser shall not receive a cumulative total discount of more than 90% for the purchase of any Infill Housing Lot.

Other financing resources can be found in the resource section of this book.

APPENDIX D: CLIMATE ADAPTATION RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY RESPONSE

By identifying local needs and concerns, communities can assess vulnerability, facilitate communication and information sharing, and coordinate action. ("Prepare Your Community for a Flood Emergency")



Hosting regular community meetings to discuss community response plans SOURCE: SmithGroup

Identify hazards and impacts

The first step in helping communities prepare for an emergency is understanding the risks. Identify hazards and their effects, such as how the source of floods will affect the accessibility of roads or communication channels, and then identify areas at risk. ("Prepare Your Community for a Flood Emergency")

Build strong connections

By building community ties before an emergency occurs, your community will have greater social cohesion and be better able to recover after an emergency. Making good connections in the community can help you get to know your neighbors and get to know vulnerable people in the community, such as people with disabilities, children, the elderly and those with few resources. Actively liaise with local organizations to find places where communities can meet to discuss local needs and concerns, or to host their own meetings. ("Prepare Your Community for a Flood Emergency")

Make community response plan

During extreme flooding events, falling trees, high water levels, and other problems can make certain driving routes impassable. There are several escape routes that can be identified through a pre-established local flood evacuation plan to avoid congestion. Where feasible, it would be desirable to arrange shared transport. For public transportation, contact local government emergency management to ask how to evacuate, where the staging area is, and any other problems people may have. For communities to be more successful in sharing information, coordinating actions, and communicating with other organizations during an emergency, they need to identify a low-risk area to meet and prepare community assets and resources (e.g., radios, telephones, energy), and rehearse these plans. ("Prepare Your Community for a Flood Emergency")

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEMS

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program designed to encourage communities to implement flood risk reduction measures, meaning that communities that take additional actions to reduce flood risk can qualify for the flood insurance benefits offered to their residents by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). ("Community Rating System")



SOURCE: www.floodsmart.gov

Benefits:

Depending on the number and type of specific risk reduction actions undertaken by the community, CRS discounts range from 5% to 45%. Communities can earn discounts by accumulating points. These points are earned for initiatives that increase their ability to share flood risk information, map and manage flood plain development, reduce potential flood damage to existing buildings, and provide early flood warning and response to flood events. Other permanent risk-reduction actions, such as preserving open space, restricting development in high-risk areas, and acquiring and relocating high-risk buildings, can earn communities more points. ("Take Action to Reduce Flood Risk with the Community Rating System")

CRS Credit Points, Classes and Premium Discounts

A higher overall score corresponds to a higher CRS "class" rating, meaning its residents get a bigger discount on flood insurance policies. The table below shows the discounts corresponding to each CRS rate category. (SFHA = Special Flood Hazard Area) ("Take Action to Reduce Flood Risk with the Community Rating System")

Credit Points	Class	Premium Reduction SFHA	Premium Reduction Non-SFHA		
4500+	1	45%	10%		
4000-4499	2	40%	10%		
3500-3999	3	35%	10%		
3000-3499	4	30%	10%		
2500-2999	5	25%	10%		
2000-2499	6	20%	10%		
1500-1999	7	15%	5%		
1000-1499	8	10%	5%		
500-999	9	5%	5%		
0-499	10	0%	0%		

SOURCE: www.fema.gov/floodplain-management/community-rating-system

FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCES

Communities can address flood risk issues by passing laws and requirements for land and development, such as construction requiring houses to be raised to a certain height. Flood plain regulations can also limit or ban development in flood-prone areas to reduce long-term risks. ("Flood Solutions")

Limited floodplain development

Before 1981

Prior to floodplain regulation

Limiting development on flood plains is one of the most effective ways to reduce a community's flood risk and reduce future losses. ("Flood Solutions")



Current Regulations

Protected to 1 FT. Above 100 Year

Proposed Regulations

Protected to X FT. Above 500 Year

Elevating a home in a flood-prone area reduces the risk of flooding for that property. SOURCE: Hurricane Harvey Recovery: A Progress Report

Minimum floodplain management standards

Many communities have adopted and implemented minimum flood plain management standards required by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). (https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-44/part-60). Federal Emergency Management Agency estimates that over the past 40 years, the nation has saved more than \$100 billion by adopting these standards. These standards consist of the following key components: ("Part 60 -- Criteria for Land Management and Use")

- A flood plain with a 1% chance of flooding each year, also known as a special flood hazard area (SFHA), where development requires a permit;
- The minimum floor height of all new residential buildings in the SFHA should be at or above the predicted height of floodwaters in the 1% annual chance flood;
- Restrictions regulate development within the flood channel to limit increased flood risk;
- Specific building materials and methods are needed to reduce future flood losses.

("Part 60 -- Criteria for Land Management and Use")

MANAGED RETREAT

In some areas, communities are considering moving people and property out of flood-prone areas. That land could then be used to build additional flood-control infrastructure or transition to public lands such as parks or open spaces. ("Participate in Buyouts and Acquisition Programs")

Acquisition programs

An acquisition is a government purchase of private property for public use. This process includes the purchase of a property within the flood-way to reduce future flooding damage to the site and/or the vicinity of the acquired property. ("Participate in Buyouts and Acquisition Programs")



Flood water at the junction of Seneca St. and Moffat Ave
Photo by team member

Buyout programs

Buyouts are a specific subset of real estate acquisitions that include the purchase of private land, demolition of existing buildings, and permanent use of undeveloped land for public use. ("Participate in Buyouts and Acquisition Programs")

Benefits:

Voluntary buyouts and acquisition often offer homeowners an opportunity to leave high-risk areas. Under the buyouts, the purchase price of a house is based on fair market value before the flood. In addition, these projects provide a permanent form of flood protection, completely removing people from flood risk and subsequently converting these properties into open space permanently. ("Participate in Buyouts and Acquisition Programs")

Home purchase eligibility

Acquisitions and acquisition programs are typically funded by federal entities, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), however state and local governments manage and sometimes finance buy-outs as well. The implementation of these plans do not have to occur after a disaster. If your home has been affected by a flood, the best way is to find out if your home is eligible to be purchased is to contact your local government offices or a FEMA regional office (https://www.fema.gov/locations/michigan) and ask if there are programs available in your area. ("Participate in Buyouts and Acquisition Programs")

Limitations:

It is worth noting that for acquisitions and buyouts programs, even after major disaster events, stakeholders often outnumber funds. In addition, it often takes months or even years to sell a home through these federal programs from application to completion, so it can be difficult to continue paying for repairs and housing until the transfer of property is fully realized. ("Participate in Buyouts and Acquisition Programs")

APPENDIX E: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING SURVEY

SURVEY QUESTIONS

					SECTION 1
1. WI	nat is your age?				
0	Under 12	0	30-39	0	75+
0	13-17	0	40-49	0	Prefer not to answer
0	18-29	0	50-74		
2. W	hat is your gender?				
0	Female	0	Male	0	Non-binary
0	Other				
3. WI	nat is your race?				
0	Black	0	White	0	Asian
0	Hispanic/Latinx	0	MiddleEastern/North	0	Indigenous
0	Native Hawaiian or Pacific		African	0	Prefer not to answer
	Islander	0	Multiracial		
0	Other				
4. WI	nat is the primary language	of y	our household?		
0	English	0	Spanish	0	Arabic
0	Other				

SURVEY QUESTIONS

SECTION 2

					SECTION 2	
5. Wh	nat neighborhood do yo	ou live in	?			
0	Gratiot Town/Kettering	0	Gratiot Woods	0	Gratiot-Grand	
0	Pingree Park	0	Poletown East	0	Indian Village	
0	Other					
6. Ho	w many years have you	ı lived in	your neighborhoo	od?		
0	Less than 1 year	0	1-5 years	0	6-10 years	
0	More than 10 years					
7. Wh	at do you like the mos	t about y	our neighborhood	?		
0	Open green space (ie: ¡	Orks, gai	rdens, walking trails))		
0	Restaurants and enterta	anment				
0	Shopping and retail cer	n'@rs				
0	Walkable neighborhood	Ok				
0	Reliable public transit	0				
0	Bike lanes	0				
0	Access to public ameni	•	,			
0	Ease of access to daily		ons			
0	Strong sense of commu					
0	Other	0				
8. Wh	nat makes your neighbo	orhood s	pecial?			
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9. Wh	at are the most critical					
0	Lack of commercial opp	Ortunitie	S			
0	Dilapidated sidewalks a	od street	S			
0	Insufficient affordable h	Cusing o	pportunities			
0	Exposure to outdoor air Pollution					
0	Lack of youth & family-frondly spaces					
0	Extreme flooding after hOavy rainfall					
0	Inadequate access to halthy food					
0	Littering and illegal dun	nPing				
0	Unsafe homes (ie:lead i	rOwater o	r paint)			
0	Inadequate access to tr	nsporta	tion			
0	Other	0				

SURVEY QUESTIONS

							SECTION		
	/hat are some		gs you wo	uld like t	to see im _l	orove in yo	our neighborhood?		
0	Ways to get ar	ound bette	r (e.g. bikir	ng, walkir	ng, bus)				
0	More retail, dining, and entertainment options								
0	Demolishing or repairing vacant buildings								
0	Places to play	and exerci	se						
0	More places to	o enjoy nati	ure (e.g. bi	rds, trees	s, flowers,	butterflies	, etc.)		
0	Other								
11. H	low often do y	ou walk to	work, sch	nool, or	other des	stinations?	?		
0	Always		0 5	Sometime	es	0	Never		
0	Other								
more		tes to read	ch this spa	ace? (ie:	parks, ga	ırdens, na	e without traveling tural spaces). On a		
Lir	mited access	0	0	0	0	0	Full access		
could	-	ding, long-		-			me weather? This or poor air qualit		
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		1	2	3	4	5			
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	Based on how hborhood in th	-	wered yo	ur previ	ous ques	stion why	did you rate you		

APPENDIX F: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY

SURVEY QUESTIONS

O More than 10 years

SECTION 1 1. What is your age? O Under 12 0 30-39 0 75+ 0 13-17 0 40-49 O Prefer not to answer 0 18-29 0 50-74 2. What is your gender? O Female O Male Non-binary O Other 3. What is your race? O Black O White O Asian O Hispanic/Latinx O MiddleEastern/North O Indigenous O Native Hawaiian or Pacific O Prefer not to answer African Islander Multiracial O Other 4. What is the primary language of your household? O Spanish O English O Arabic O Other 5. What neighborhood do you live in? O Gratiot Woods O Gratiot-Grand Gratiot Town/Kettering O Pingree Park O Poletown East Indian Village O Other 6. How many years have you lived in your neighborhood? O Less than 1 year O 1-5 years O 6-10 years

SURVEY QUESTIONS

SECTION 2

7. How important is revitalizing vacant lots in Kettering to you?

O I really don't want it

O Doesn't matter to me either way

O I would prefer not to have it

O I would prefer to have it

O I really want it

8. How important is improving existing parks in Kettering to you?

O I really don't want it

O Doesn't matter to me either way

O I would prefer not to have it

O I would prefer to have it

O I really want it

9. How important is having space for vendors in Kettering to you? (Food trucks, beer garden, arts and crafts, etc.)

- O I really don't want it
- O I would prefer not to have it
- O I really want it

10. How important to you are designated bike lanes in your community?

O I really don't want it

O Doesn't matter to me either way

O I would prefer not to have it

I would prefer to have it

O I really want it

11. Which of these bike lanes do you see best fitting in your community?

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12. How important to you are areas for active recreation in your community? (volleyball, basketball, pickleball, exercise equipment etc.)

- O I really don't want it
- O I would prefer not to have it
- O I really want it

- O Doesn't matter to me either way
- O I would prefer to have it

13. Which of these active recreation spaces do you see best fitting in your community?





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14. How important to you are children's play spaces in your community?

- O I really don't want it
- O I would prefer not to have it
- O I really want it

- O Doesn't matter to me either way
- O I would prefer to have it

15. Which of the following children's play spaces do you see best fitting in your community?





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16. How important to you is urban agriculture in your community?

- O I really don't want it
- O I would prefer not to have it
- I really want it

- O Doesn't matter to me either way
- O I would prefer to have it

17. Which of the following urban agriculture do you see best fitting in your community?

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18. How important to you is having plantings in your community?

- O I really don't want it
- O I would prefer not to have it
- O I really want it

- O Doesn't matter to me either way
- O I would prefer to have it

19. Which of the following planting styles do you prefer?









20. How important to you is having renewable resources in your community?

- O I really don't want it
- O I would prefer not to have it
- I really want it

- O Doesn't matter to me either way
- O I would prefer to have it

21. Which of the following renewable resources do you prefer?

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22. How important to you is a place for events in your community?

- O I really don't want it
- O I would prefer not to have it
- O I really want it

- O Doesn't matter to me either way
- O I would prefer to have it

23. Which of the following event spaces do you prefer?

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24. How important to you are places to sit in your community?

- O I really don't want it
- O I would prefer not to have it
- O I really want it

- O Doesn't matter to me either way
- O I would prefer to have it

25. Which of these seating spaces do you see best fitting in your community?

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26. How important to you are public work spaces in your community?

- O I really don't want it
- O I would prefer not to have it
- O I really want it

- O Doesn't matter to me either way
- O I would prefer to have it

27. Which of the following public work spaces do you prefer?

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28. How important to you are water features in your community?

- O I really don't want it
- O I would prefer not to have it
- O I really want it

- O Doesn't matter to me either way
- O I would prefer to have it

29. Which of the following water features do you see best fitting in your community?

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30. How important to you is public art in your community?

- O I really don't want it
- O I would prefer not to have it
- O I really want it

- O Doesn't matter to me either way
- O I would prefer to have it

31. Which of the following public art features do you see best fitting in your community?









32. Please select the top 3 most important features that you would like to see incorporated into your community. (Choose only 3)

- O Public work spaces
- O Active recreation areas
- O Children's play spaces
- O Other

- O Urban Agriculture
- Planting areas
- O Event spaces
- O Water features
- O Public art
- Seating areas

SURVEY QUESTIONS

SECTION 3

33. Please rate this space on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being strong dislike, 3 being indifference, and 5 being strong like

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- 0 3
- 0
- 0 Strong Like



34. What did you like or dislike about this space?

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35. Please rate this space on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being strong dislike, 3 being indifference, and 5 being strong like

- Strong Dislike
- 0 2
- 0 3
- Strong Like



36. What did you like or dislike about this space?

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37. Please rate this space on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being strong dislike, 3 being indifference, and 5 being strong like

- Strong Dislike
- 0 2
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- 0

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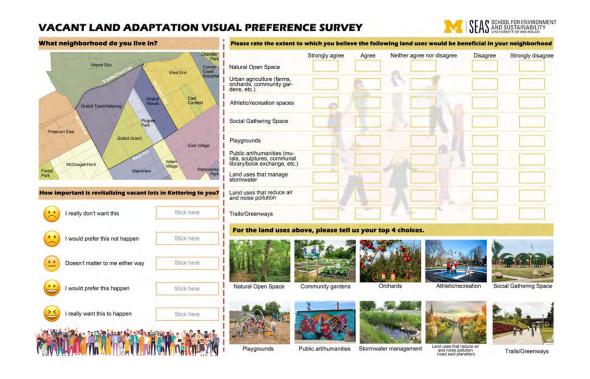
Strong Like

38. What did you like or dislike about this space?

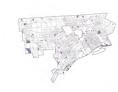


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O 3	O 5 Strong Like		
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O 5 Strong Like	50. What did you like or dislike about this space?		
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44. What did you like or dislike about this space?	51. Is there any other information you would like to share with us?		

APPENDIX G: PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS







DETROIT GREENPRINT



Who are we? What are we doing?

We are six landscape architecture, environmental justice, and urban planning graduate students from the University of Michigan.

We are engaging with community residents and stakeholders to understand community needs and desires which will inform a greenprint (design plan) for vacant lots in Kettering. This project hopes to provide a framework and function as a pilot initiative for how to navigate the environmental effects of climate change within the context of Detroit communities.

For more information, please visit https://sites.google.com/u-mich.edu/greenprintdet

Social Media Accounts: Instagram @gp_detroit Official Website If you live in or near the Kettering neighborhood,

If you're interested in our project,



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