

# Land Based Projects:

## A Path to Purchase, Permit and Design

The City of Detroit will improve the process for purchasing and permitting land based projects in 2019.

In order to make useful improvements, we will be working with community members to understand their goals, needs and experiences with City processes so far.

With your input, we will clarify and simplify the process for people to acquire and use land for gardening, urban agriculture and other community-based and entrepreneurial ventures. These changes will ensure land based projects are good neighbors in all Detroit communities.

### THE CITY WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We are gathering your input to help prioritize improvements to the land purchase to permit process.

- + Join a focus group or community conversation
- + Participate in a survey at [www.detroitmi.gov/land](http://www.detroitmi.gov/land)
- + Learn more

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## What is a Land Based Project?

A “land based project” uses land for **urban agriculture, gardening, beautification and other productive uses**, whether for profit or as a community-based activity.

The process changes implemented as part of this planning effort will focus on projects where the land based project is the primary use of a piece of property.

FOR EXAMPLE:

**Home gardens would not require permits through this process because the person’s home would be the primary use.**



**As we simplify Detroit’s process for using land, we will look at:**

- + The needs of people who have been gardening, growing and involved in other land based projects for years and are deeply rooted in community
- + The needs and desires of neighbors who live and work near existing and future land based projects
- + Ways to increase opportunities for more people to get involved in this local economy
- + Project specific needs for innovative and community-led work like green stormwater infrastructure, solar and community gathering spaces