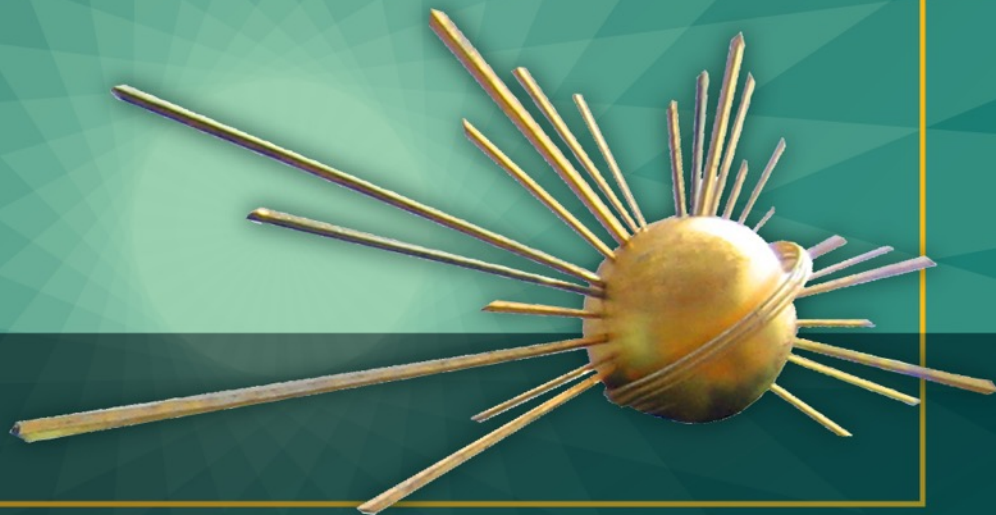


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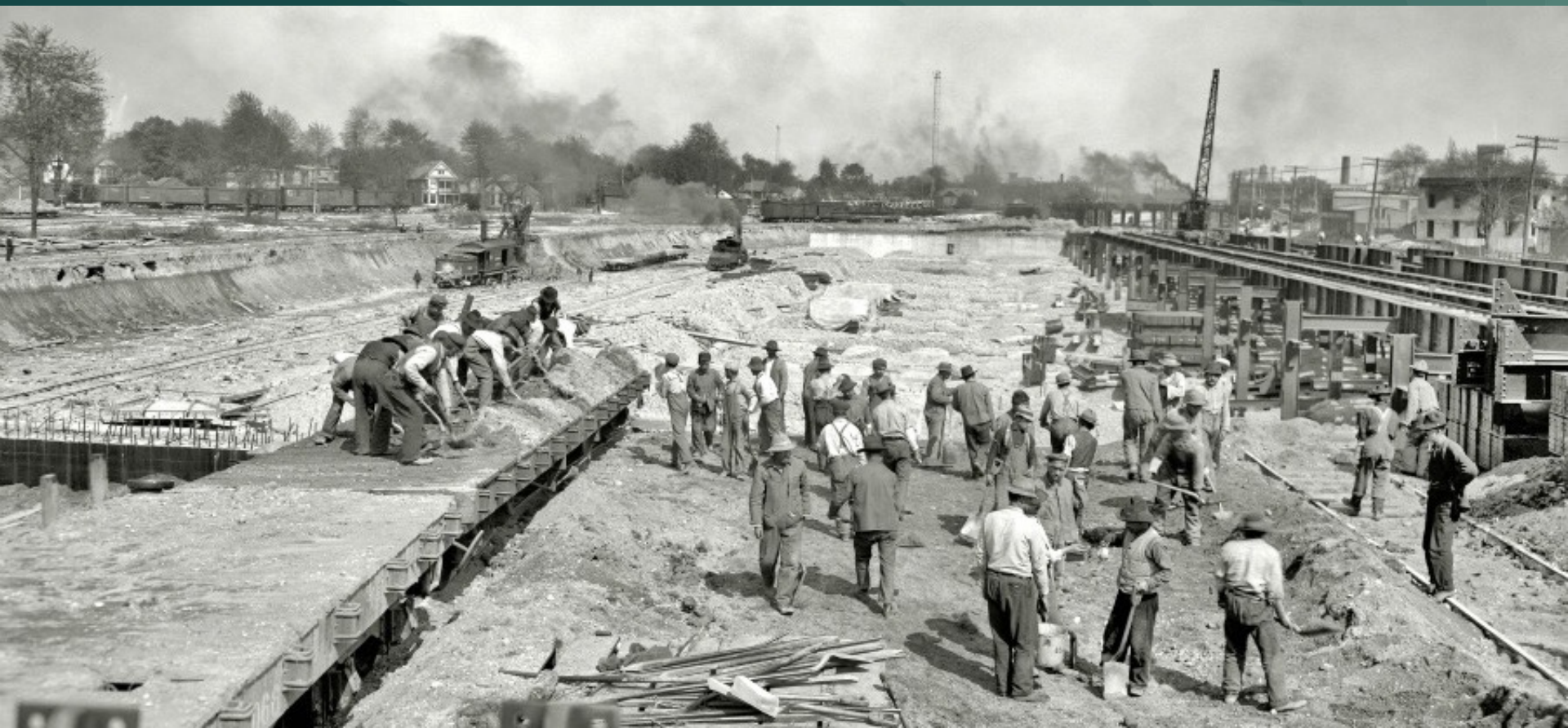


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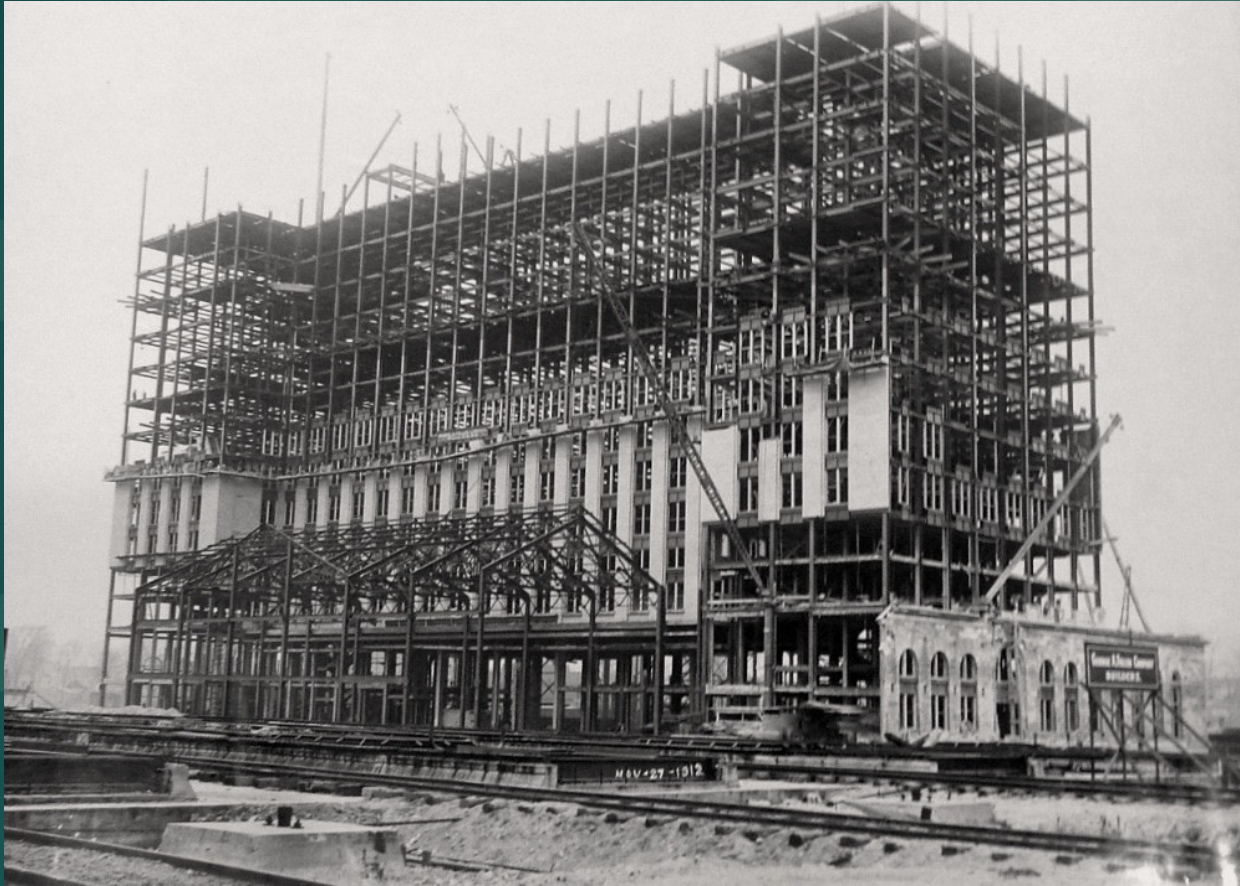
Thanks Ford Motor Company for hosting us tonight



The Michigan Central Station's historic importance to Detroit dates back to the time work started in 1910



It was an engineering marvel



**When it opened December 26, 1913,
it was a building of great beauty**



It connected Detroiters to the world



**Hundreds of thousands of visitors a year
were greeted by the beauty of our city**



In 1988, after years of decline, the last train left Michigan Central Depot

A golden age rolls to an end as train depot shuts its doors

By PATRICIA CHARGOT
Free Press Staff Writer

When train No. 353 leaves Detroit for Chicago at 11:40 a.m. Tuesday, Michigan Central Depot at Vernor and 16th Street will close its classic doors for the first time in its 75-year-history — perhaps for good.

Michigan's finest monument to the golden age of railroads, with its cavernous waiting room and 68-foot-high



The abandoned station deteriorated inside and out



On April 9, 2009, Detroit City Council voted 7-1 to order the Michigan Depot immediately demolished



Then the unexpected happened: The Morouns fought back to prevent the demolition

Michigan Central Depot's owner urges delay in demolition

Bill Shea

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The owner of the vacant Michigan Central Depot wants two to three years to determine the best use of the 96-year-old building. That's what was said to the Detroit Building and Safety Engineering Department today during a meeting to discuss the fate of the 17-story depot owned by local trucking tycoon Manuel "Matty" Moroun. The Detroit City Council earlier this month passed an emergency resolution calling for the building to be razed and Moroun billed for the estimated \$3.6 million demolition cost. Today's hearing could set in motion demolition in 30 days. A message was left for Dan Stamper, president of the Detroit Bridge International Bridge Co. and spokesman for Moroun on the depot situation. Stamper previously has said the building is admittedly an eyesore and symbol of urban decay, but said options should be explored to renovate it

In 2015, we struck an agreement for the Morouns to spend \$4 million for new windows

Detroit Mayor Duggan's shrewd deal with Matty Moroun

BUSINESS

Empty Michigan Central Depot to get 1,000 new windows

Louis Aguilar The Detroit News

Published 4:21 p.m. ET Feb. 23, 2015 | Updated 9:07 p.m. ET Feb. 23, 2015

Detroit — Michigan Central Depot, one of the city's most visible desolate buildings, is getting more than 1,000 new windows soon. But it remains unclear what, if any, development plan

Daily News

Detroit, Ambassador Bridge Co. Agree to Expand Riverside Park, Upgrade Train Station

By **Adrienne Roberts** - April 29, 2015



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**And when the windows started going in,
the effect was electric**



In 2017, Detroit was losing the battle for the future of the automobile to Silicon Valley

Silicon Valley vs. Detroit: The Future of Car Ownership

By [Joel Williams](#) | March 13, 2017 | 5:00pm

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We fought back hard – landing a \$2.2 billion investment from GM in its first all-electric factory in America



We landed Google's start-up Waymo to assemble its self-driving cars in Detroit

Detroit Free Press

AUTOS

Waymo plans final assembly on self-driving cars in Detroit; will need 100-400 workers

The Detroit News
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Detroit plant now producing self-driving vehicles with Waymo



But the transformational prize was Ford's new location for designing the vehicles of the future – with 5,000 jobs

Ford Is Making Its Move In All-Electric Vehicles

Oct. 23, 2018 12:41 PM ET | Ford Motor Company (F)



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Summary

- Ford has plans to spend \$11 billion on all electric vehicles between now and 2022.
- Ford is hoping to launch its first all electric vehicle in the Spring of 2020. It will be a performance mid-sized all electric SUV.
- Currently, the market for all electric vehicles is relatively small. Ford is betting demand will expand as multiple products options become available to consumers.

Ford Motor Company (NYSE:F) has plans to become a major competitor in the all electric vehicle market. Right now the company is behind other competitors like Tesla (TSLA) in the all electric vehicle market. But Ford plans to catch up to its

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Ford Design Boss Has A Radical Vision For The Future

APR. 16, 2022 9:58 AM ET / BY JAR

He wants to see the

When you think of beat say the Dearborn-base is a retro-styled master muscle car. A new mod equally big hit.

As electrification draws Oval's new head of des

FASTCOMPANY

3 ways car design is about to change forever, according to Ford

Anthony Lo, Ford's new Chief Design Officer, explains where cars are going next: an upgradeable, aerodynamic living room on wheels.



[Photos: Ford]

In 2018, Ford picked Detroit to design the future

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Ford Acquires Iconic Michigan Central Station As Centerpiece Of New Detroit Campus To Usher In Ford's Smart, Connected Future

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Building an entire campus



With an Innovation Center housing dozens of mobility companies and tech start-ups



14th Street will become America's first public charging road

Wireless, underground coils will charge your car



On Michigan Avenue in front of Michigan Depot MDOT is building the first autonomous car lane



**This dedicated autonomous vehicle lane
will run all the way to Ann Arbor
Filled first with the GM Cruise Origins and Waymo
self-driving vehicles made in Detroit**



With Stellantis now moving to electric Jeeps

September 8, 2022

Jeep® Brand Reveals Plan to Become the Leading Electrified SUV Brand on the Market



- **Jeep® brand will introduce four all-electric SUVs in North America and in Europe by 2025**

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Stellantis wants US dealers to be EV certified in early 2024



Breana Noble
The Detroit News

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The maker of Jeep SUVs and Ram pickup trucks says if its U.S. dealers want to carry the electric vehicles that it plans to field in the future, they'll need to get the infrastructure to support electrification as the automaker is on a mission to make full EVs half of its sales by 2030.

The goal is to have the infrastructure completed at all of Stellantis' more than 2,600 U.S. dealers by the end of the first quarter of 2024, the year that many of the first all-electric vehicles will be available to U.S. retail customers. The costs for the investment will depend on the dealership and its needs.

"If our dealers want to continue to offer our electric vehicles into the future," spokeswoman Diane Morgan said in an email, "they will need to make the necessary infrastructure modifications in their dealerships to sell those vehicles."

The momentum for the future is with Detroit

Newsweek

U.S. Automakers Aim to Make Detroit the Next Silicon Valley

BY JAKE LINGEMAN ON 02/08/23 AT 6:00 AM EST

Detroit Rising From the Ashes as The Next Potential Silicon Valley



Could Detroit Be The Next Silicon Valley?

February 14, 2023



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EE Times: “How Detroit Passed Silicon Valley”



Detroit's progress in diversity is a lesson it can give Silicon Valley in exchange for its example of passion for startups...NEI provides some impressive figures of what it has helped achieve, especially in diversity, an area where Silicon Valley is more of a follower.

Read more: [EE Times](#)

What's different about planning in Detroit today?

We don't plan
one building ...

... we plan the
entire neighborhood



The Community Benefits plan was approved by a committee of neighborhood representatives



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Building a Corktown neighborhood for everyone: 600 new units of affordable housing



48 affordable apartments are being built in left field of old Tiger Stadium



Cliff Brown is building a new 78-unit apartment complex behind the train station



**Our longtime residents are protected:
87 low-income units in Clement Kern Gardens...**



**Are being replaced for the current residents
without a rent increase**



At the long-abandoned Owen School site in the heart of North Corktown ...



We're building an economic empowerment center and a new park for our children



All tying into Southwest Detroit, where the neighbors and the city took this corridor...



BEFORE

... And built this beautiful Bagley streetscape



AFTER

New businesses popping up nearby – AGI Construction is creating a Tech Hub to train Detroiters



Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation's Fantazma Market is spotlighting local entrepreneurs, products and services



We aren't just rebuilding Corktown – we're focused on every neighborhood, all across Detroit

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has a
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EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD HAS A FUTURE
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In 2014, with more than 40,000 vacant houses, the challenges seemed impossible to overcome

The New York Times

Detroit Urged to Tear Down 40,000 Buildings

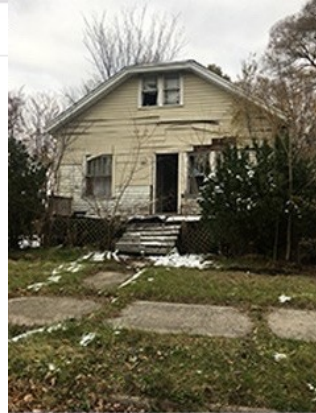
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An abandoned home on the west side of Detroit. Joshua Lott for The New York Times



Thanks to the Obama Administration and to Detroit voters passing Proposal N, the progress is dramatic



Mayor Jerry Cavanagh promised to rid Detroit of abandoned homes in 1965

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Children should be careful what they say. Parents are always repeating what they hear.



Doorways to disaster beckon . . .



. . . in vacant houses like this one at Dubois and Congress.



Pretty patterns can mask . . .



. . . the risks young explorers face.

City Fights Vacant House Menace

Death Still Lurks In Empty Houses

BY JOHN MUELLER
From Staff Writer



Asks U.S. Funds, To Add Patrols

BY HARRY GOLDEN JR. AND HAL COHEN
From Staff Writer

**Finally:
We have reached the beginning of the end**

Land Bank-Owned Vacant Houses

2014-15	47,000
2023	7,000

How did we do it?

Demolished	24,000
Sold and Rehabbed	16,000

In 2022, we reached an historic tipping point: more vacant houses were rehabbed than demolished

Demolished: 1,974

Rehabbed: 2,181

Real Estate

Detroit rehabbed more homes than it demolished in 2022

By: Arielle Kass

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Credit: Alamy


Of the 4,227 homes the land bank has slated for demolition, Mayor Mike Duggan said he expects 500 to

We are selling 200 a month on buildingdetroit.org

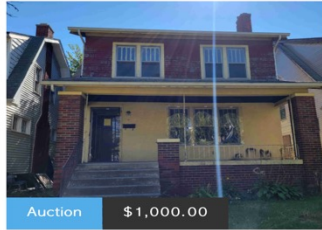


Auction \$1,000.00

9995 Pinehurst
Barton-McFarland, 48204, District 7


 Sale Date : 02/25/2023

Area: 1296 Sq ft  4  1



Auction \$1,000.00

2299 Tuxedo
Dexter-Linwood, 48206, District 5


 Sale Date : 02/26/2023

Area: 1232 Sq ft  3  1

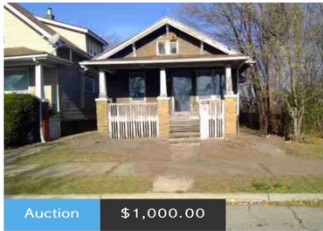


Auction \$1,000.00

14745 Novara
Regent Park, 48205, District 3

 Sale Date : 02/27/2023

Area: 738 Sq ft  2  1

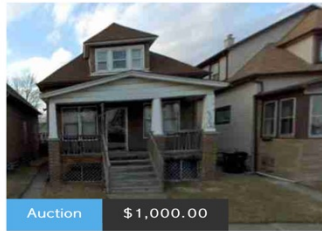


Auction \$1,000.00

9319 Bessemore
Airport Sub, 48213, District 3


 Sale Date : 02/28/2023

Area: 873 Sq ft  3  1

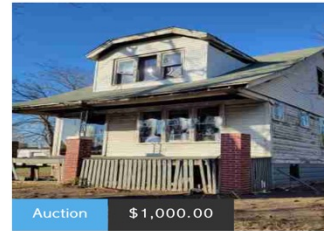


Auction \$1,000.00

8827 Peter Hunt
Airport Sub, 48213, District 3


 Sale Date : 03/01/2023

Area: 964 Sq ft  3  1



Auction \$1,000.00

14889 Fordham
Mapleridge, 48205, District 4

 Sale Date : 03/02/2023

Area: 1369 Sq ft  3  2

16140 Tuller

Before



Today



16828 Prairie

Before



Today



1508 Livernois



The Land Bank's last 7,000 abandoned houses will be gone in 2024, so we're moving on private abandoned

- City is expediting demolition orders on estimated 5,000 abandoned houses in hands of private owners**
- We have also started taking legal action on those that can be saved and rehabbed, with the goal of having them demolished or occupied by the end of 2025**

Our blight efforts led to something remarkable: We reversed a 17-year decline in home values

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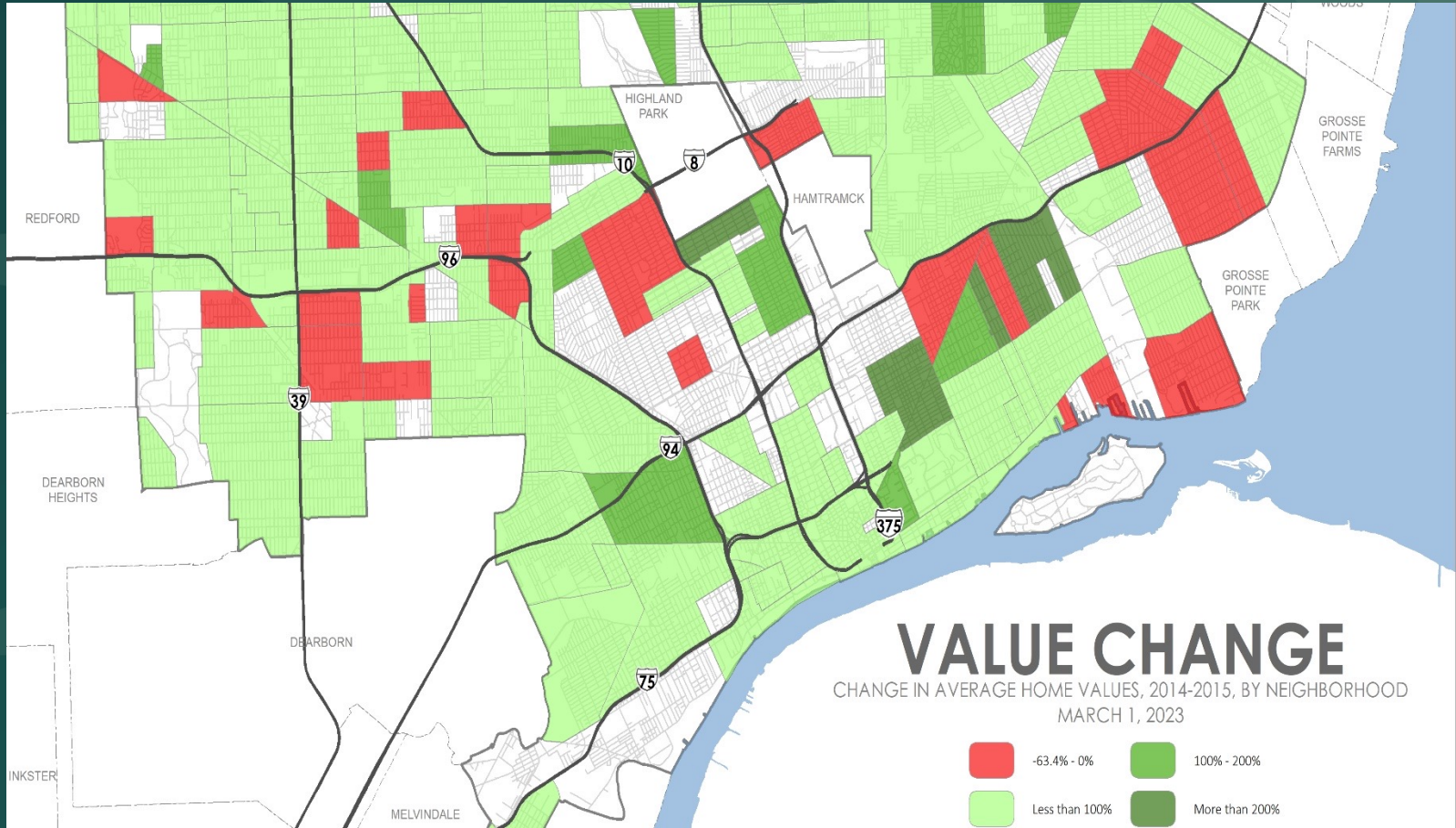
Detroit's residential property values rise for first time in 17 years

 **Kat Stafford**
Detroit Free Press

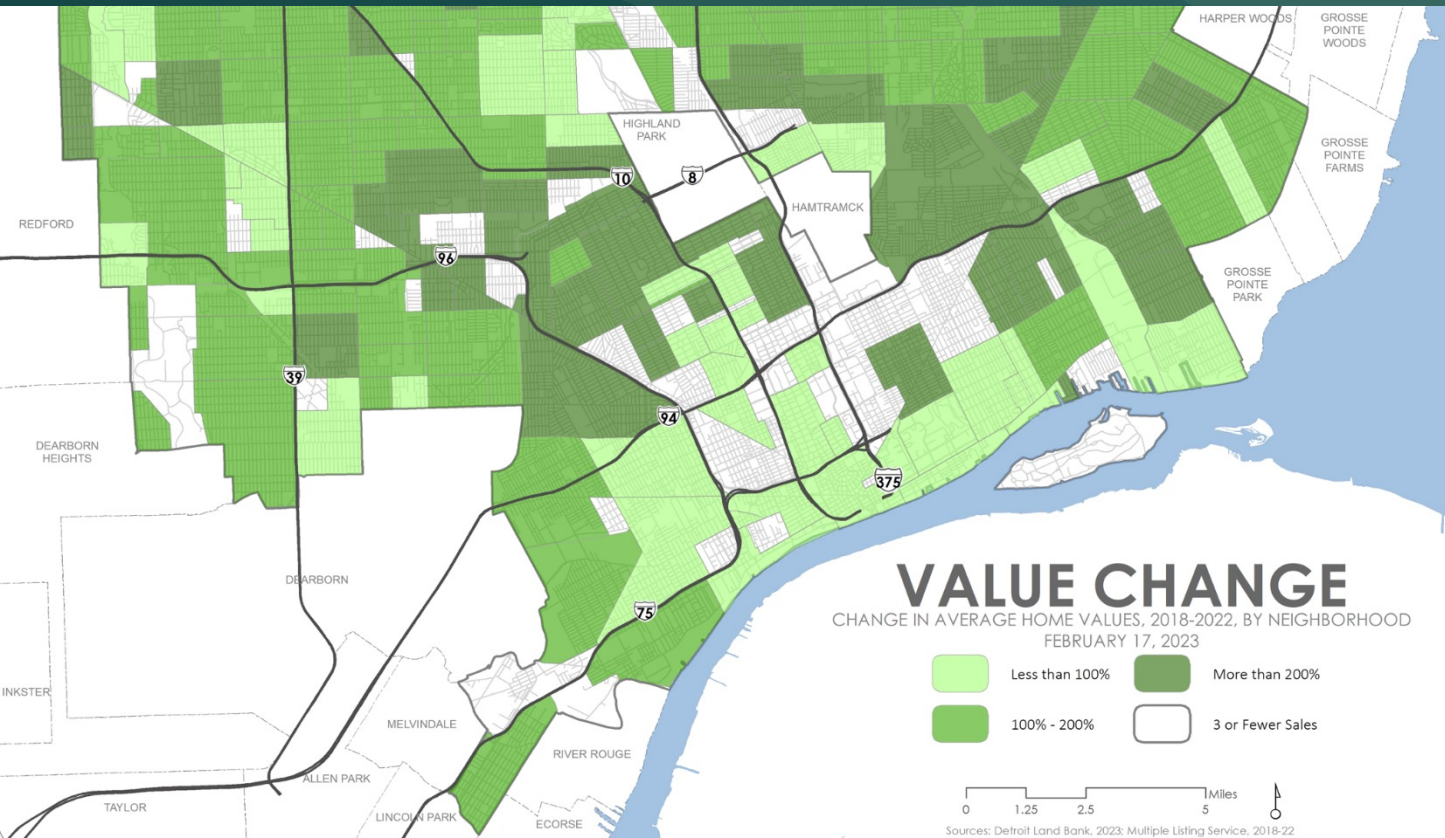
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Home values began rising in 2015, but unevenly



2023: Home values have more than doubled the last 5 years across the city



Home values have doubled since 2018

Home values have tripled since 2018

In 2022, Detroit finally returned to its historic status of majority homeowner city

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Real Estate

Detroit has more homeowners than renters for first time in a decade

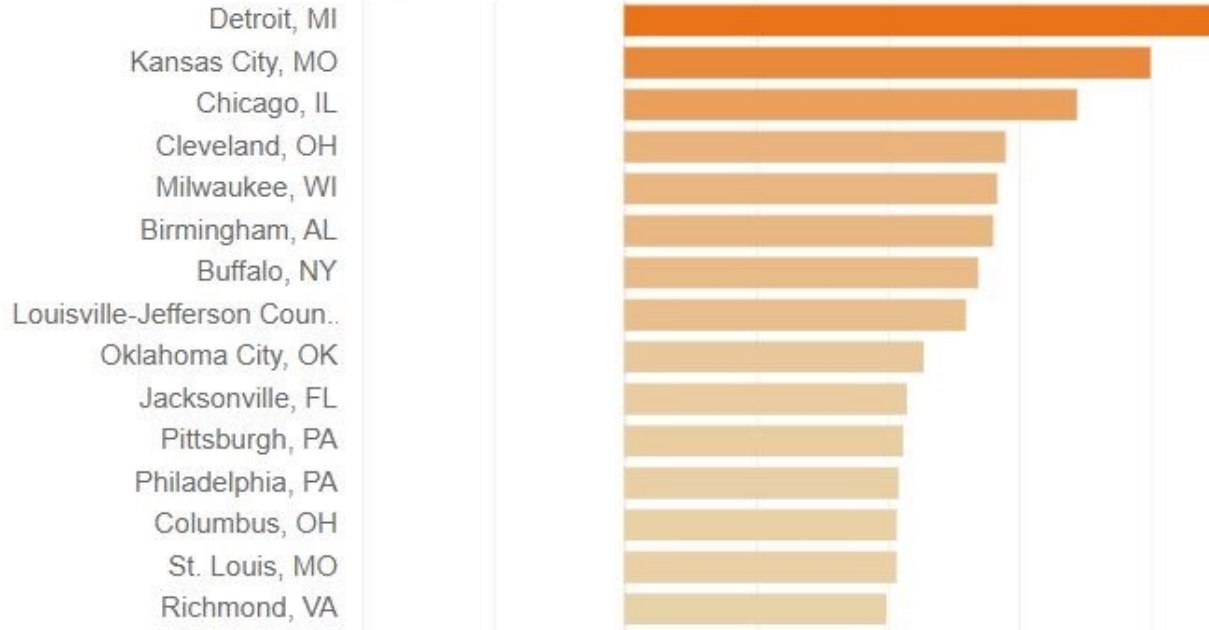
By: Arielle Kass



Zillow Study: Detroit is now the national leader in closing the racial gap in home values

Midwest markets saw large improvements in the Black home value gap

Change in home values gap between Black-owner homes and overall homes



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Study: Detroit leads nation in rising value of Black-owned homes

By Ingrid Kelley and David Komer online producer

| Published March 2, 2023 9:05PM | Detroit | FOX 2 Detroit | [↗](#)



But the job is far from finished

10-step plan to improve neighborhoods further in 2023



1) Clear another 1,000 alleys this year



2) We're doubling the DPW cleanups removing garbage dumped in neighborhoods



**3) Go back to bulk pick-up every week –
Bidding contracts this year to start in 2024**



4) Spend \$25 million to replace 70,000 broken sidewalk slabs this year



5) Expand the Neighborhood Beautification Program with \$500-15,000 grants to improve Land Bank properties

Thank you to Council President Mary Sheffield for the sponsorship of this program.



\$500,000 was awarded to 34 block clubs last year

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Detroit distributes 34 Neighborhood Beautification Program grants



Sarah Rahal

The Detroit News

Published 5:39 p.m. ET Nov. 2, 2022

Detroit — The city on Wednesday announced 34 recipients of a new program to help improve and beautify neighborhood blocks.

Mayor Mike Duggan joined City Council President Mary Sheffield and District 3 Councilmember Scott Benson for the announcement saying this year, nearly \$500,000 will be awarded to winners in every district.

The city's first Neighborhood Beautification Program opened applications in June and now plans to distribute between \$500 to \$15,000 to associations, block clubs, faith-based organizations and nonprofits in coming months.



Neighbors from Cooper Street, 14th Street, and Vernor all created Peace Tree Parks



Canfield Consortium created a community park



As did the Northwest Goldberg neighborhood



\$500,000 more awarded this spring

Deadline to apply for a grant is March 17th

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Neighborhood Beautification Program



The **Neighborhood Beautification Program** (NBP) provides grants to Detroit-based block clubs, neighborhood associations, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations to carry out a project on up to four vacant lots in their community. Funded with \$2.25 million from the Neighborhood Improvement Fund and the American Rescue Plan Act, the NBP offers grants of **\$500 to \$15,000** for community gardens, public space improvements, and clean-up activities.

This grant is managed in partnership with Wayne Metro. **To apply for the NBP grant, please visit the [Wayne Metro website](#).**

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for funding, organizations:

6) Help non-profits renovate abandoned houses for low-income families – details final in May Plan from Council Member Latisha Johnson



7) Legal help for homeowners to transfer wealth to heirs

Tangled titles occur when a house passes to the next generation without a will or official transfer of title

Do You Actually Own Your Home? (Untangling a Tangled Title)

By Santaella Legal Group

You might be surprised

If you have inherited your home, you're not the owner. Title is transferred to the next generation through a will or a trust.

For many people, most of the time, they are not able to take full advantage of the process that will require legal help.

How does a title get tangled?

To understand how a title gets tangled, you need to know the ownership of a property.

Tangled Title & Dealing with Probate Issues

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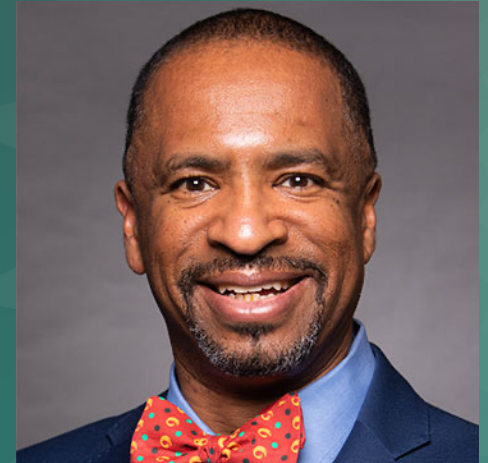
Andrea Bopp Stark, National Consumer Law Center, Attorney

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Introduction

Ownership in a property can become very complicated and confusing when one owner passes away, is divorced, or moves out. People who remain in the home may believe they now own the home. If the remaining resident's name is not on the deed, they are not an official owner of the property. This situation is known as "tangled title." If the remaining resident's name is not on the deed, they will be unable to sell the property.



Thanks to Scott Benson for his sponsorship and to Laura Grannemann and the Gilbert Foundation.

8) Replace the roofs for 2,000 low-income seniors and disabled residents through Renew Detroit



9) Motor City Makeover this year will distribute 90,000 flowers for neighborhood planting



For more details on any of these programs, go to detroitmi.gov: Mayor's State of the City Page

Opportunities on the Rise



Employment & Education

Job training, employment and adult education opportunities through Detroit at Work.



Project Clean Slate

Expunging criminal records for improved job, housing, and educational opportunities.



Grow Detroit's Young Talent

Summer Internships employing Detroiters ages 14-24.



Detroit Promise

Tuition-free college education to eligible Detroit high school graduates.



Neighborhood Beautification

Making our neighborhoods beautiful places to live and raise a family.



Parks & Recreation

Bringing communities together by building beautiful and safe public spaces.



Keep Detroit Clean

Improving neighborhoods with the clean initiative to tackle blight and ways you can help.



Sidewalk Repair

Churches and registered block clubs can request sidewalk repairs.



Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE)

Helping to reduce your current year property taxes.



Affordable Housing

Ensures access to quality and affordable housing options in neighborhoods across the city.



Office of Eviction Defense

The Right to Counsel provides legal assistance to Detroiters facing evictions.



Motor City Makeover

Citywide cleanup and beautification efforts.



Motor City Match

Funding for new and expanding businesses.



ShotStoppers

Partnering with local community groups to reduce serious violent crimes.



Joe Louis Greenway

A recreational pathway that will unify Detroit's neighborhoods, people and parks.

Coming soon

Click program name to sign up for updates. Stay informed as new info becomes available.

Tangled Title Fund

Legal help for homeowners to transfer wealth to their heirs. Tangled Titles occurs when a house passes to the next generation without a will or official transfer of title.



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10) We are turning 27 miles of some of the worst dumping sites in Detroit...



Into the new Joe Louis Greenway



It started near the riverfront with the Dequindre Cut



In November, we opened from Warren to Joy



Building north to Fullerton now



With Wayne County's support, across Highland Park and Hamtramck in 2024



So that by 2025 the build-out looks like this



Ultimately completed fully by 2027



But the real impact is in the neighborhoods – we've removed more than 23,000 tires and 100,000 tons of debris



**We've designed one of America's most beautiful greenways
with the participation of the neighbors**

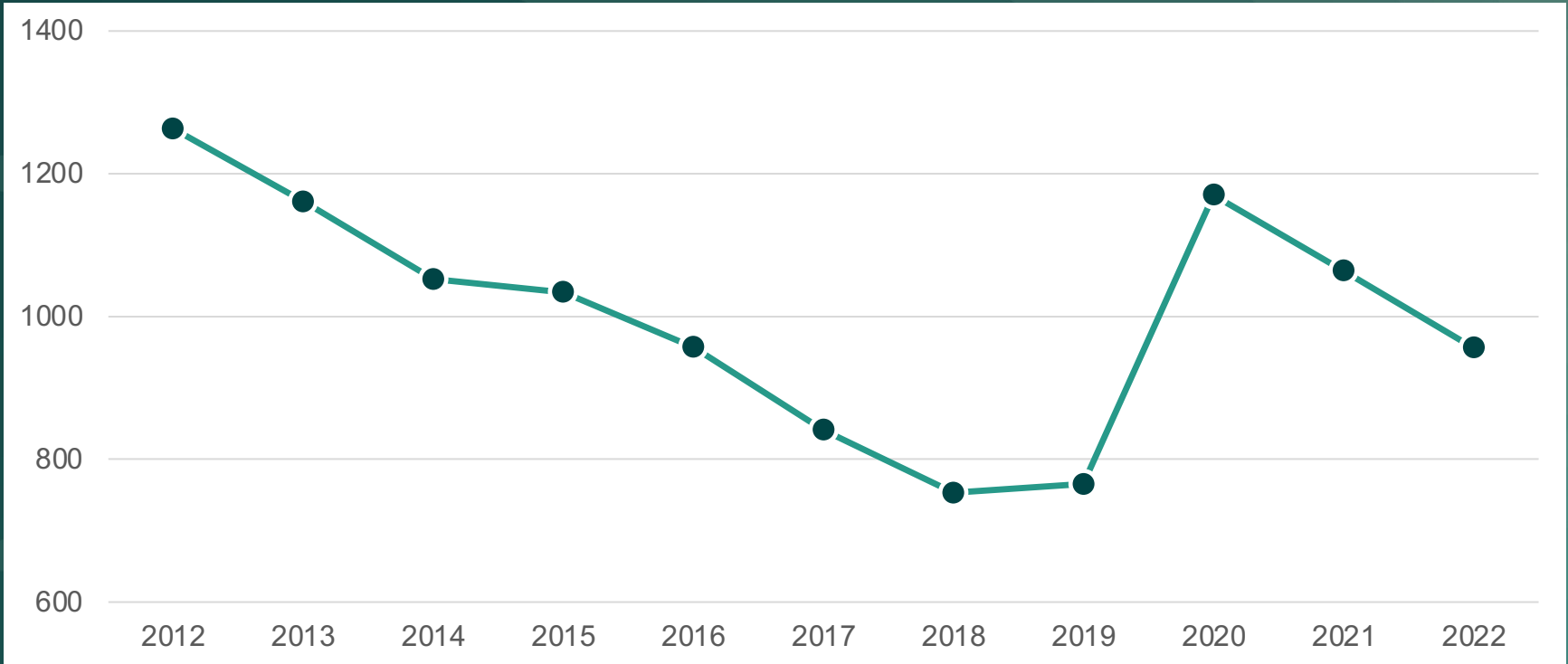


**Ru Shann Long has lived
in the neighborhood for
more than 50 years**

The most important thing we can do for every neighborhood in 2023: make Detroit safer



Shootings are dropping from their Covid surge peak, but not fast enough



DPD wages weren't keeping up with the suburbs, leaving 300 vacancies

**More than 200 officers have quit the
Detroit Police Department this year
– twice as many as all of 2021**



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In November, our officers got a new contract with a record pay increase

Detroit police officers receive a \$10,000 pay raise



Detroit police officers are receiving a historic new contract that will put their paychecks on par with other cities. The city council unanimously approved the deal and Detroit leaders believe this pay raise will help retain officers and recruit more new hires. This deal goes into place immediately and will increase pay by \$10,000 per year for officers.

LOCAL NEWS

Detroit police officers receive a \$10,000 pay raise

Nov 10, 2022



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This deal goes into place immediately and will increase pay by at least \$10,000 per year for officers.

We are already seeing results

**27 officers graduated from the academy
two weeks ago, and are now on the street**



**More importantly, 25 officers who left
have already returned to DPD**

Livonia

Farmington Hills

Taylor

Novi

Ann Arbor

Roseville

Auburn Hills

Atlanta

**20 more officers are already in the pipeline to
return, and more requests are coming in daily**

Those returning officers are joining a remarkable coordinated law enforcement effort with the feds

Federal, local officials step up anti-gun violence efforts in Detroit's high-crime areas



And County Executive Warren Evans is leading a coordinated county, city, state, and court effort to eliminate the Covid backlog of gun cases



In 2023, Detroit is going to make a \$10 million commitment to a new violence prevention initiative

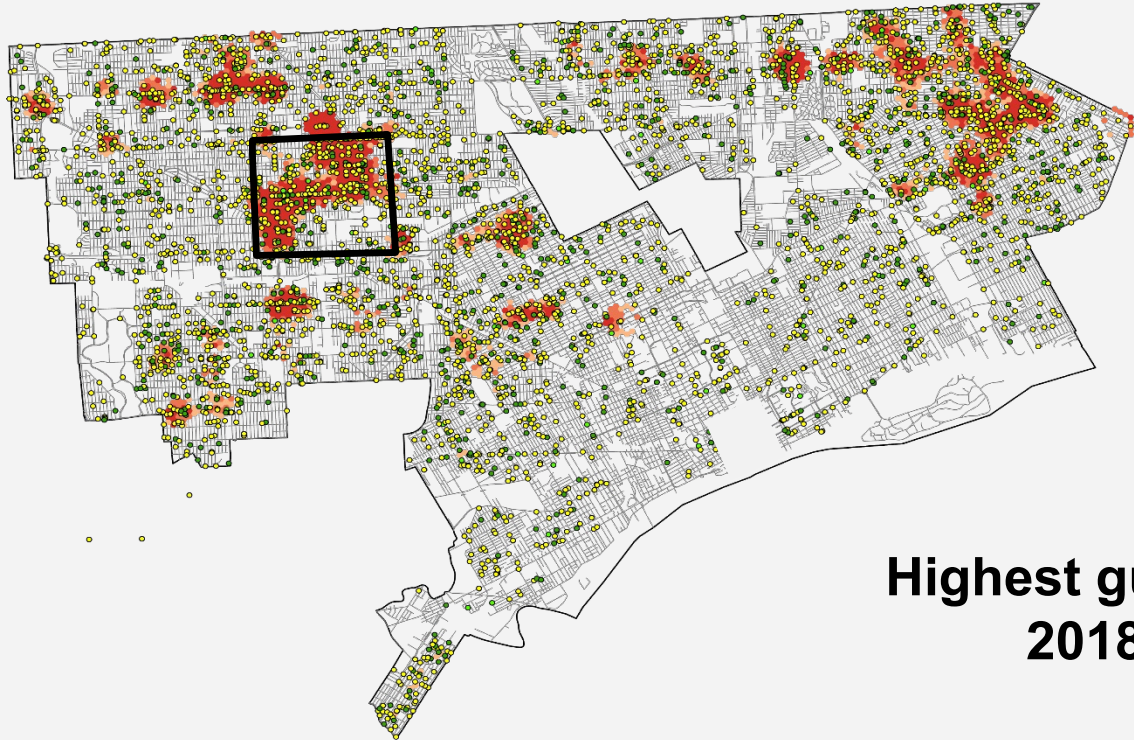
We'll partner with community activist groups with a history of working with those engaged in gun violence

Then, those who are actually successful at reducing gun violence will get rapid increases in funding to keep expanding

Thank you to Council Member Fred Durhal and Violent Crime Task Force for their support.

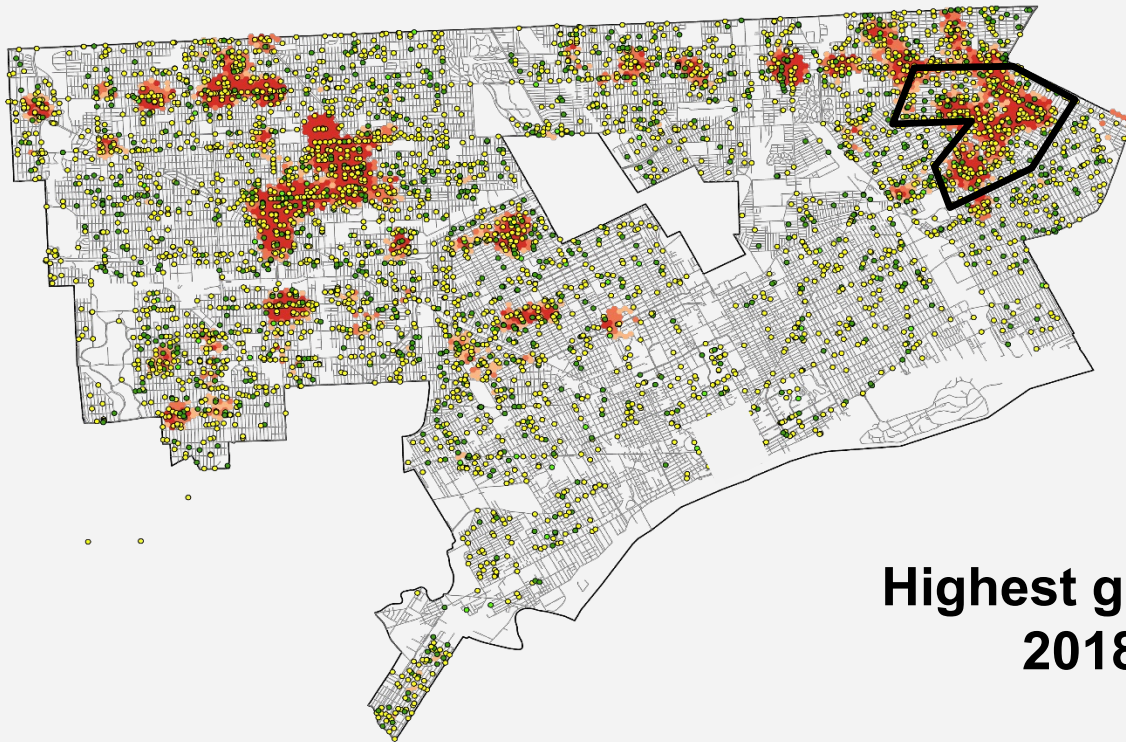


What if each group spent 2 years concentrating on a single 3-4 mile area?



**Highest gun violence
2018-2022**

What if each group spent 2 years concentrating on
a single 3-4 mile area?



**Highest gun violence
2018-2022**

Request for Proposals Being Released Tomorrow

- 1) **Organization or group of organizations with history of engaging in violence prevention: “Shotstoppers”**
- 2) **Propose a gun violence zone where your group will be measured on whether violence decreases**
- 3) **Get a 2-year contract for \$700,000 per year**
- 4) **Groups who succeed will get up to an additional \$700,000 per year to expand your services**

Shotstoppers will operate in a time of hope -
There is a good-paying job today for every Detroit
who wants one – 50% don't need college.

**JOBS
TODAY**

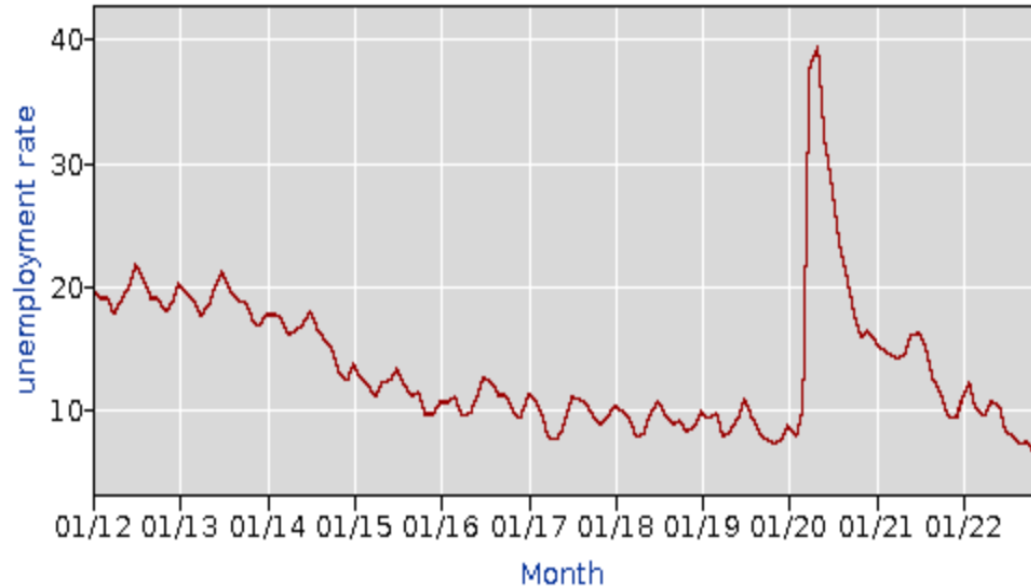
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Detroit has the lowest unemployment rate in more than 20 years – down to 7%



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Detroit unemployment rate hits 22-year low

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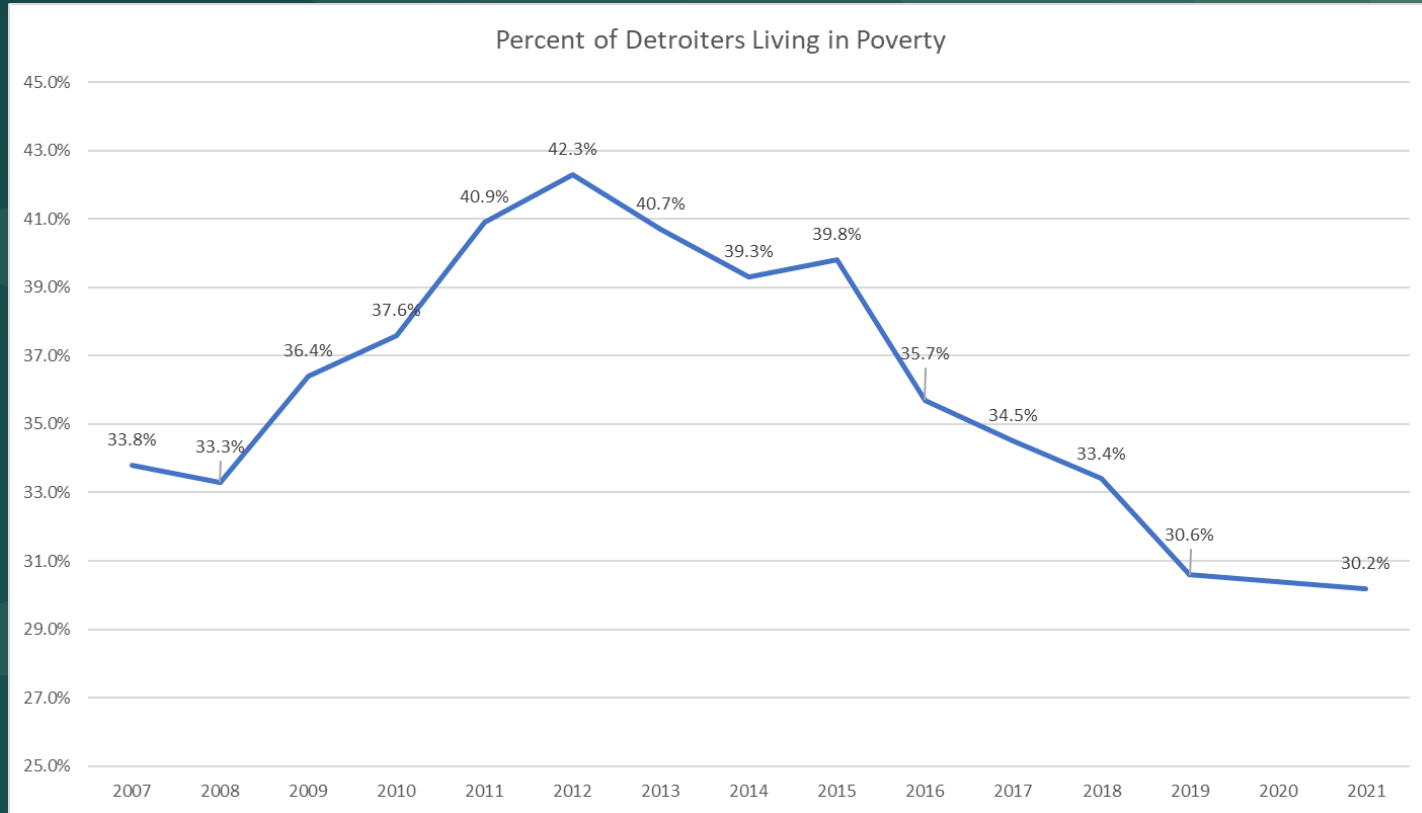


Nic Antaya/Crain's Detroit Business

The city of Detroit is rebounding from a spike in unemployment rates that occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The city of Detroit's unemployment rate is the lowest it's been since September 2000, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

And the lowest poverty rate in 17 years



10 years ago, there were few employment prospects in Detroit

2012

Detroit Unemployed	48,000
Job Vacancies in City	4,000

12 Job Seekers for every job

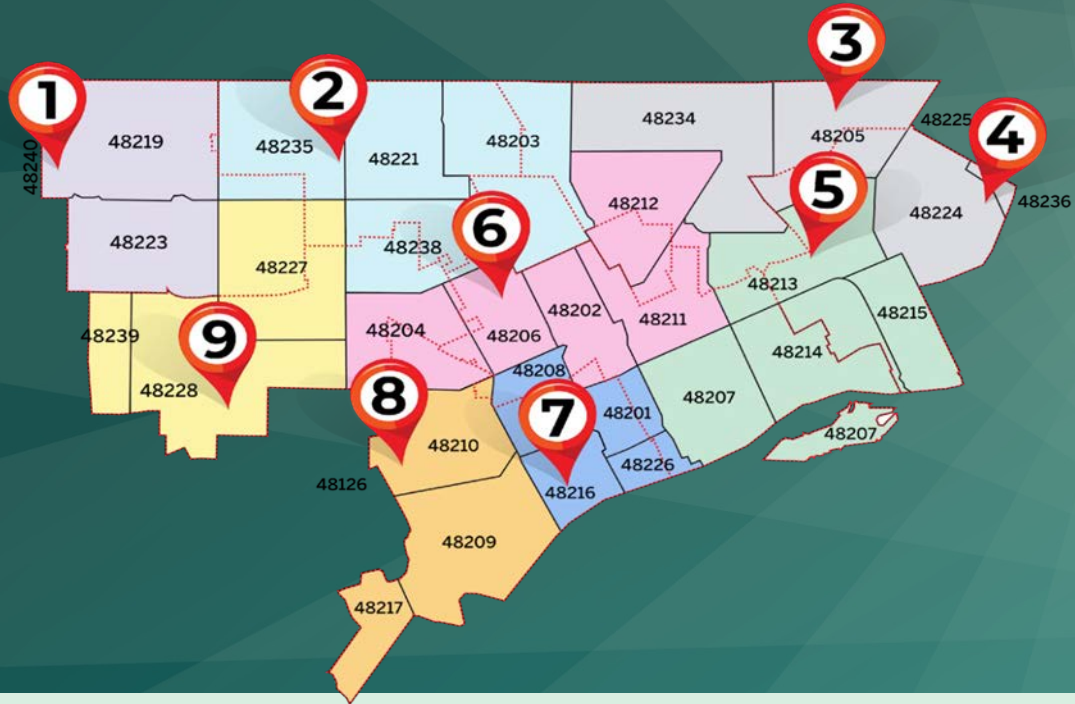
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Detroit Unemployed	17,000
Job Vacancies in City	9,000

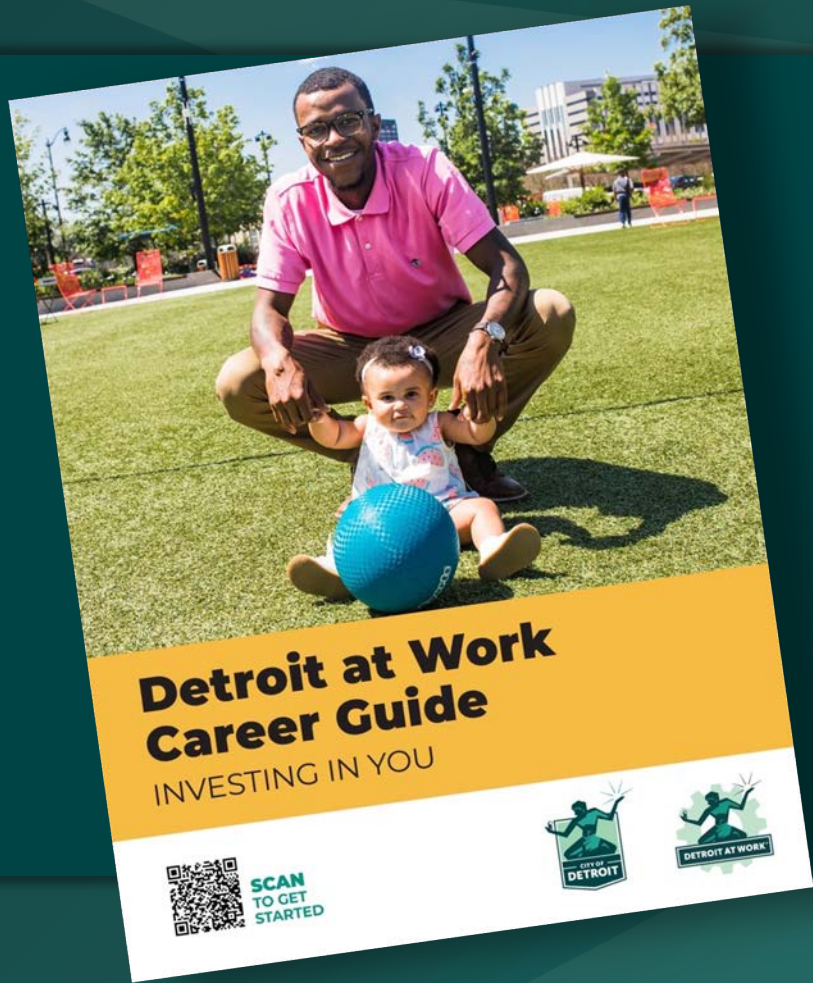
2 Job Seekers for every job

To make sure Detroiters get those jobs, we have 9 Detroit at Work Offices

1. 24424 W McNichols
2. 18100 Meyers
3. 14117 E Seven Mile
4. 18017 E Warren
5. 5901 Conner
6. 2470 Collingwood
7. 2835 Bagley
8. 9301 Michigan Ave
9. 16427 W Warren



More information at detroitatwork.com/locations



A Detroit at Work Career Guide with 50 training programs

Online TODAY!

detroitatwork.com/guide

\$100 million in scholarships available to Detroiters in 2023 and 2024 thanks to the American Rescue Plan



DETROIT

White House adviser touts Detroit's Jump Start as 'national model'



Dana Afana

Detroit Free Press

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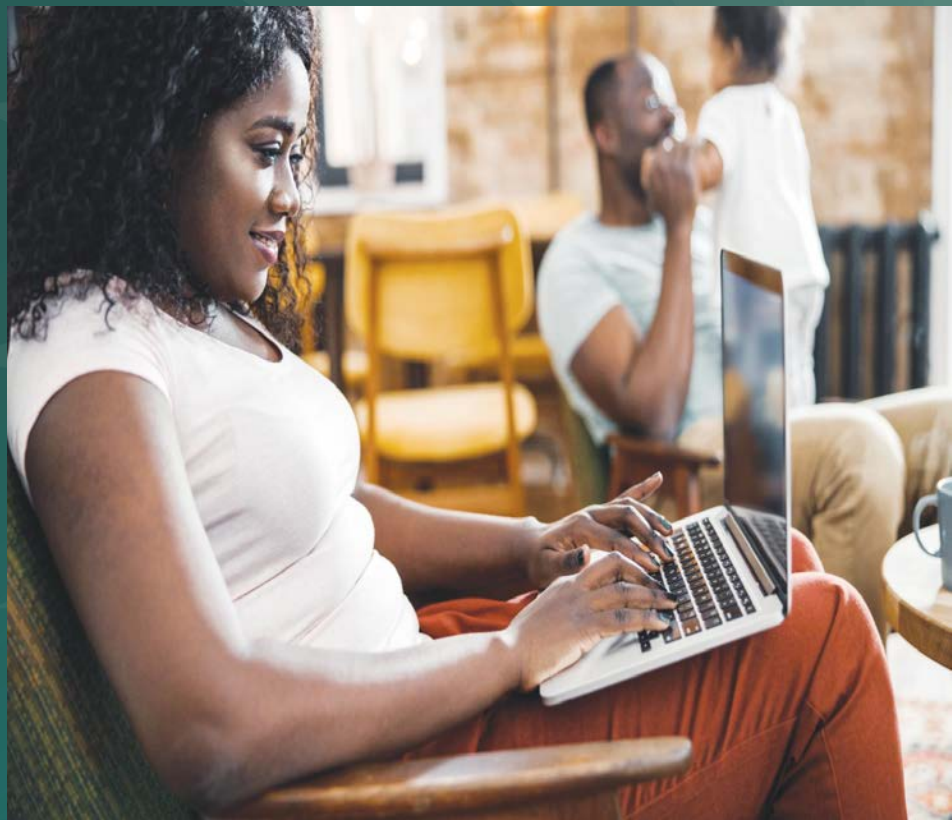


White House adviser, Detroit mayor announce Jump Start program

White House adviser Gene Sperling joined several Detroit officials to highlight organizations helping unemployed residents reenter the workforce.

White House senior adviser Gene Sperling joined Mayor Mike Duggan on Friday in announcing a federally funded program to help unemployed Detroiters reenter the workforce at Durfee Innovation Society.

Learn to Earn Scholarships pay you up to \$200 a week to learn to read, at class or from home



If you don't have a high school degree, you can make up to \$200 a week taking GED classes



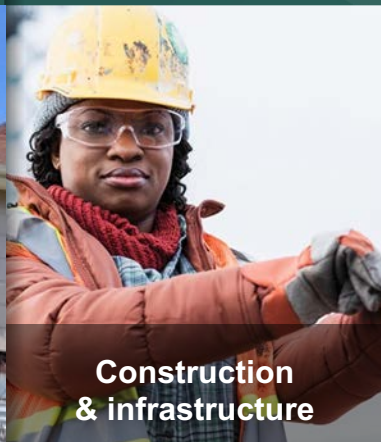
More than 100 High School Diploma Scholars Have Already Graduated!



Skills for Life Scholars are training for jobs starting out at \$17-\$25 an hour



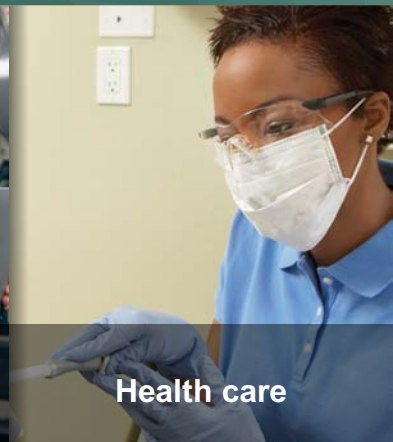
50 different training programs



**Construction
& infrastructure**



**Manufacturing
& mobility**



Health care



**IT & professional
services**



**Working with a
small business**



**Starting your
own business**

Project Clean Slate has expunged 3,500 convictions for Detroiters

After 20 years, business owner thankful for felony expungement from Project Clean Slate

By Veronica Meadows and David Komer online producer | Published September 19, 2022 | Good News Only | FOX 2 Detroit | [➔](#)



Expungement team is helping former inmates wipe their records clean



Been Unemployed for 6 Months? JumpStart Scholarships help you with life expenses for 18 months

FIRST 6 MONTHS	NEXT 6 MONTHS	LAST 6 MONTHS
\$600 per month	\$400 per month	\$200 per month

JumpStart Scholarships are on top of any other pay you earn

**JumpStart doesn't just give you money –
18 community groups are there as your partner**



Thank you to Council Members Coleman Young and Mary Waters for sponsoring JumpStart

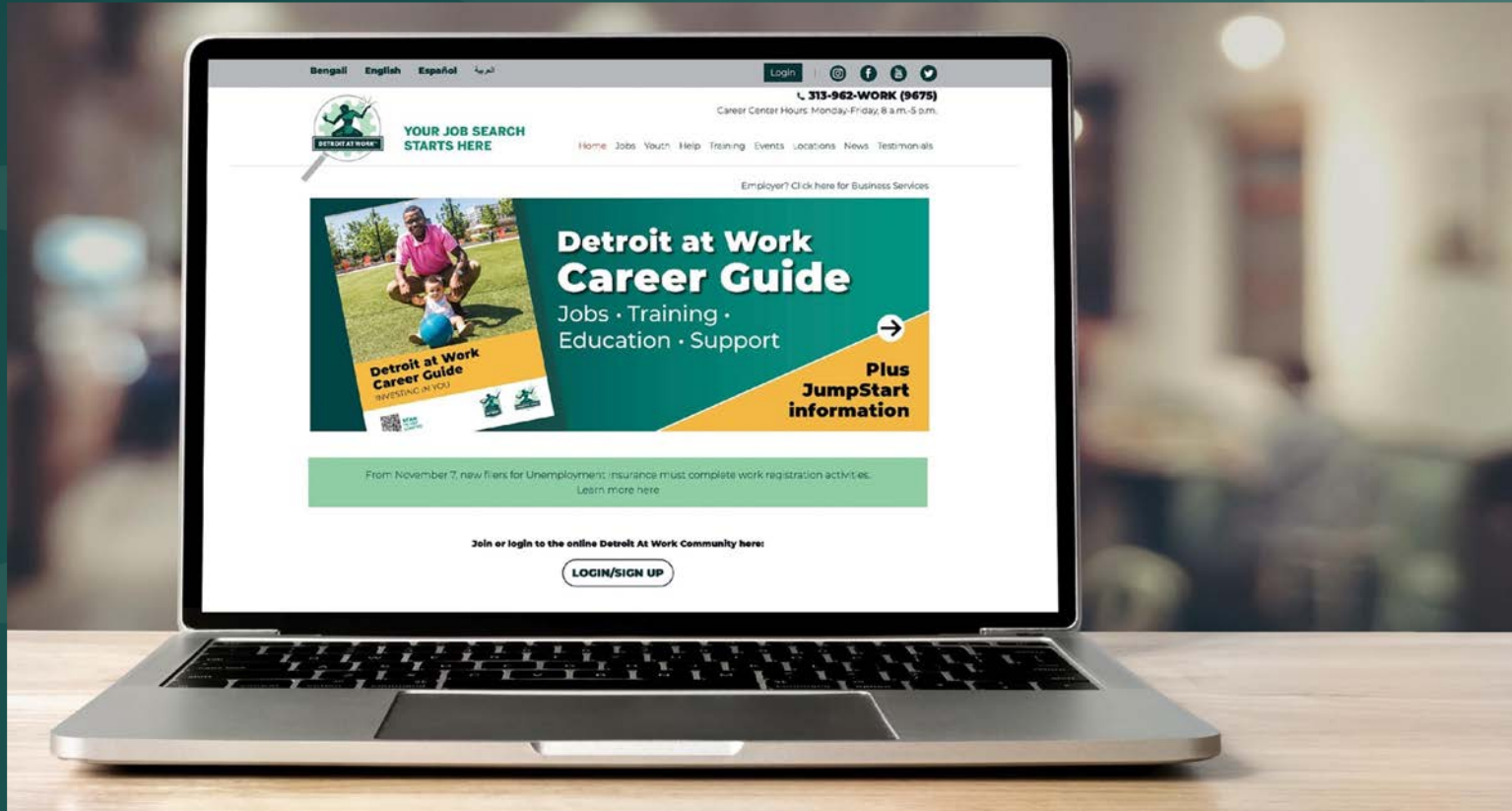


**Councilman
Coleman Young II**



**Councilwoman
Mary Waters**

You can view the \$100 million in opportunities online right now at detroitatwork.com/guide



**In just 10 years, how did Detroit go from
12 unemployed for every open job to 2 for every job?**

We brought 1000s of jobs back into the city



The Jeep plant alone put more than 4,000 Detroiters in good-paying jobs with benefits



1,000 workers at GM's Factory Zero now building EV Hummer SUVs and pickups

FACTORY
ZERO

An aerial photograph of a large industrial facility, identified as GM's Factory Zero. The facility consists of several large, interconnected buildings with grey roofs, surrounded by parking lots and landscaped areas. A prominent blue outline traces the perimeter of the main industrial complex. In the center of the image, the words "FACTORY ZERO" are overlaid in a bold, dark blue font. The "ZERO" is stylized with horizontal bars through the 'E' and 'O'. The background shows a mix of industrial buildings, green spaces, and residential areas.

The 1,200 new jobs that Amazon began filling last month at the State Fairgrounds



Detroit Evening Report News

Detroit Evening Report: Amazon to start filling 1200 jobs at new Detroit fulfillment center

🕒 February 13, 2023 🗣️ Tia Graham

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Photo credit: Jake Neher, WDET

And thousands more at auto suppliers like Dakkota,
Lear, LM Manufacturing, and Flex-N-Gate



In health care, with the expansion of Henry Ford Hospital



By bringing more tech jobs to the city

BUSINESS

Tech firm Majorel to open Detroit office, hire 500 for social media review operation



JC Reindl
Detroit Free Press

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And banking and financial services jobs



And in food and hospitality



Thousands of jobs in Detroit construction



Had to beat out other cities and states every time

The truth about tax abatements: without them, Detroit has the highest commercial tax rate in the US – and nearly twice as high as the suburbs

Commercial/Industrial Property Tax Mills

Detroit	87 mills
Pontiac	55 mills
Auburn Hills	53 mills
Novi	52 mills
Troy	50 mills

Fact check: The City Does Not Give Cash to Businesses in Tax Incentives

- Tax abatements are a discount
- When builders build a new project, they pay taxes when it's built
- Tax abatements are a discount on the new taxes

Otherwise, every company deciding where to build would face this choice:

Detroit 87 Mills

Novi 52 Mills

Tax incentives turned abandoned Cadillac Stamping into a new Lear Seating Plant



Tax incentives helped turn the abandoned Kettering School into Dakkota factory



Helped turn 40-year abandoned Hudson's site into second tallest building in Michigan



Helped turn this abandoned storefront on McNichols into Marcus Jones' Detroit Pizza Bar

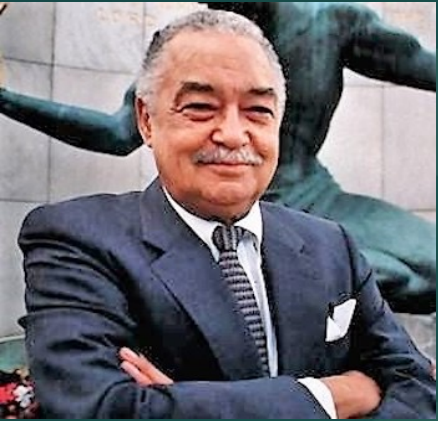


Tax incentives turned 40-year abandoned Marlborough Apartments to new affordable housing



Tax abatements have been needed to bring jobs back to Detroit for decades

Here's what Mayor Coleman Young said about tax abatements in February 1981:



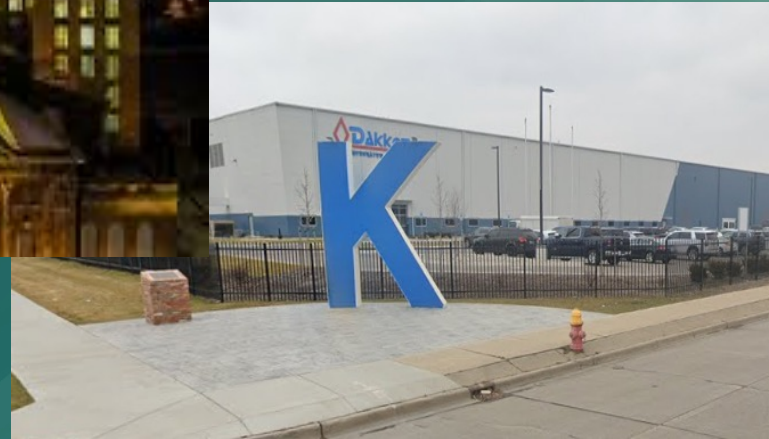
"I make no apologies for tax abatements. The 116 companies that have received abatements have invested nearly \$500 million of their own money in Detroit."

"And, of even greater importance, I believe, are the 3,000 new jobs we brought to Detroit."

This is what we would have without tax incentives



Instead, in less than 10 years, we've brought tens of thousands of new jobs into Detroit

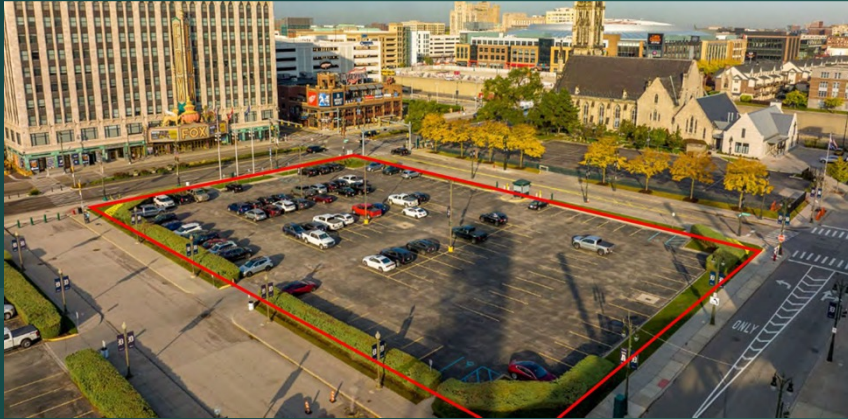


What is the District Detroit Project?

The largest-scale new construction since the 1920s



The project will take vacant parking lots...



And build 4 new office buildings



Open 2 new hotels



Build 695 apartments, with 20% affordable that will accept Section 8 vouchers



The Ilitches have finished a number of new buildings in District Detroit



To lead this project, they partnered with America's largest developer – Stephen Ross

Who is Stephen Ross?

- Grew up on LaSalle Street in Detroit
- Attended Mumford High, Wayne State Law School
- Left Detroit in his 20s to go to New York and start a real estate company building affordable housing



That company has grown into America's largest real estate development group, Related Companies

The Grand, Los Angeles



Hudson Yards, New York



Channelside, Boston



The 78, Chicago



Stephen Ross began his return to Detroit by personally donating \$100 million for a new UM grad school across from Cass Tech



When it is fully built, what will District Detroit mean to our city?

- **\$1.5 billion investment**
- **12,000 construction jobs**
- **6,000 permanent jobs**



The Neighborhood Advisory Committee just approved the project 8-1

DETROIT

Nearhood council signs District Detroit community benefits deal



Candice Williams

The Detroit News

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Detroit — A group of area residents who secured community benefits for the \$1.5 billion District Detroit project held a ceremony Monday to sign a letter in support of their agreement with the developers.

“I’m very proud of this agreement,” Jonathan Kinloch, a member of the Neighborhood Advisory Council, said Monday of the agreement with Olympia Development and The Related Cos. “I’m very proud of the process. You had a number of us who came together who did not know each other. We had no clue the direction we were going to go in, but we talked, we listened to the various



District Detroit is asking for \$800 million in tax discounts over the next 35 years

Discounts coming from city taxpayers:	\$0
Discounts coming from DPS school taxes:	\$0
Discounts coming from library taxes:	\$0

So where are the tax abatements coming from?

\$400 Million over 35 years from taxes paid to the Downtown Development Authority

By law, DDA taxes may not be used outside of Downtown and cannot be used by the City of Detroit General Fund

In 1975, Mayor Young successfully convinced Lansing to pass the Downtown Development Authority Act so that all growth in downtown property taxes must go to the DDA for downtown investment, not the city general fund

Mayor Young believed that Detroit couldn't rely on property taxes – he believed Detroit's future depended on growing the income tax

How did Mayor Young's vision for a city funded by income taxes instead of property taxes work out?

2023-2024 Detroit Budgeted Revenues

City Property Taxes	\$135 million
City Income Taxes	\$395 million

Where does the other \$400 million in abatement discounts come from?

The State of Michigan

The State returns part of the state income taxes paid by workers and residents to the new projects

The bottom line for the people of Detroit:

Total taxes received by Detroit
General Fund from these
10 properties today:

\$249,000
per year

The bottom line for the people of Detroit:

**Total taxes received by Detroit
General Fund from these
10 properties today:** **\$249,000**
per year

**Total taxes received by
Detroit General Fund when
the 10 projects are completed:** **\$21,000,000**
per year

Another major project was approved for incentives in 2022 through CBO process – the Fisher Body Plant



Greg Jackson and Richard Hosey proposed to transform that massive abandoned plant into 435 apartments - the largest Black real estate investment in Detroit's history



After a series of community meetings, the project won the approval of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee

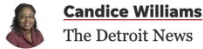
Welcome to the **FISHER BODY PLANT 21 COMMUNITY BENEFITS MEETING**



CBO Meeting #1 - April 12, 2022

In August, City Council gave unanimous approval to the tax incentive plan

Fisher Body Plant redevelopment gets brownfield plan OK from Detroit City Council



Candice Williams
The Detroit News

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Plans to rehabilitate the former Fisher Body Plant for a mixed-use development with 433 residential units moved forward Monday as the Detroit City Council unanimously approved a brownfield plan for the site.

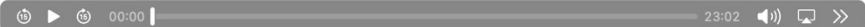
The developer, Fisher 21 Lofts, LLC, requested \$24.8 million in tax increment financing for the demolition and environmental remediation of the site that sits on three parcels at 6051 Hastings St., 666 Harper Ave. and 991 Harper. The overall value of the plan is \$31.3 million, which includes local brownfield costs, according to the city.



Fisher Body plant project among new Black-led developments in Detroit

🕒 March 11, 2022 🗨️ Jake Neher

The City of Detroit's Nicole Sherard-Freeman discusses the Fisher Body Plant No. 21 project, as well as what the city is doing to support Black developers.



So this beautiful housing project can move forward



Last year, I showed \$500 million in development projects owned and being built by Black Detroiters



The United Artists Building abandoned for 40 years



Is being rebuilt today into 150 beautiful apartments by a group of lifetime Detroiters



Sylvester Hester and LM Seating just opened the new factory at the abandoned Southwestern High School

LM Manufacturing moving into former Sakthi Automotive space in Southwest Detroit



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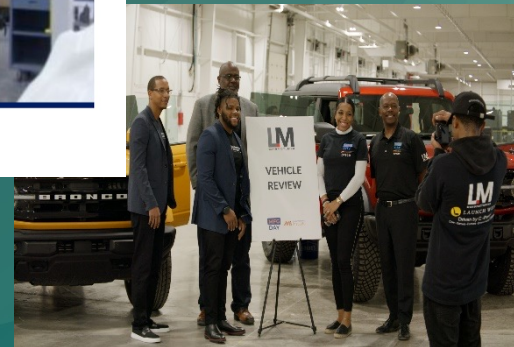
Employing 400 workers making seats for Ford trucks



Detroit Regional Chamber > Racial Justice & Economic Equity > [Black CEO Drives New Automotive Plant to Detroit](#)

Black CEO Drives New Automotive Plant to Detroit

November 29, 2022



The vacant lot at Garfield and John R



**Was opened in September by Sonya Mays
as Freelon at Sugar Hill – 68 apartments, with
14 set aside as deeply affordable housing for veterans**



And the Black-owned Detroit Food Commons promised for the North End?



Is being built now and will open this year



George N'Namdi and Rod Hardamon took this vacant eyesore on Grand River ...



And are now building the Osi Art Apartments with affordable housing



New projects are added every month – Amin Irving is taking this vacant land on East Jefferson



To build 150 units of affordable housing on the river



These developments help generate the tax revenues to build the city we would like to see.

For years, the Dexter Elmhurst Center has needed investment, kept alive through the efforts of Helen Moore



It will be opened next year as a brand-new recreation center



We'll build a new sports dome in Chandler Park



Expand Farwell Center to add a gymnasium



Replace the abandoned Lenox Center in Jefferson Chalmers



With the new community center being built now



With the help of a \$5 million donation by Roger Penske



Tom Gores, Arn Tellem, and the Detroit Pistons are building a \$20 million recreation center in Rouge Park



Generate funds to invest in our children

More than 4,000 Detroiters are attending college with scholarship funds from Detroit Promise

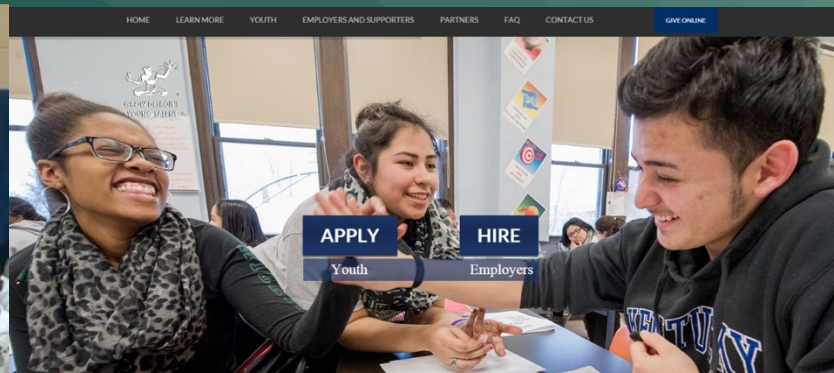


A Detroit resident graduating from any high school in Detroit is eligible:

- 2-year scholarships for anyone accepted by a community college
- 4-year university scholarships for those that meet GPA and testing requirements

Sign up at DetroitPromise.com

Grow Detroit's Young Talent: 8,000 young people employed each summer



Funds to improve live/work conditions for firefighters

\$13 million in repairs to 15 firehouses



Funds to invest in DDOT

To improve the pay of our bus operators to fill 100 vacant positions and increase service



We've increased funding to Detroiters who want to start small businesses



Home Why Building Owner Business Owner

MOTORCITYMATCH
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\$1,000,000

~~\$500,000~~
EACH QUARTER

IN GRANTS TO BUSINESS & BUILDING OWNERS

Motor City Match connects new and expanding businesses with Detroit's quality real estate opportunities, providing them with funding and tools to fuel the city's entrepreneurial revolution.

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Dream It. Do It. Detroit

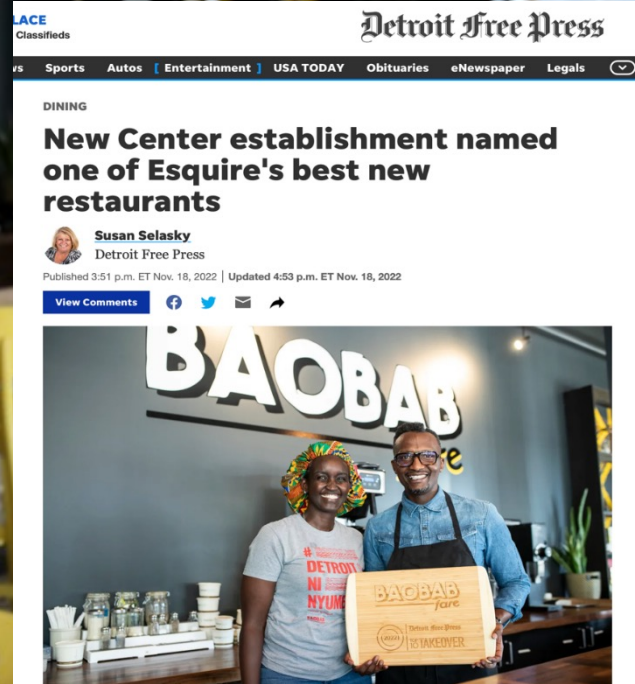
Building Owner applications open April 1 and close May 1.
Business Owner applications open June 1 and close July 1.



144 Motor City Match businesses are now open 58 more are under construction today 77% are minority owned



Congratulations to Baobab Fare – recently won Chopped and named by Esquire in Best New Restaurants in America



Co-owners Nadia Nijmbere and Hamissi Mamba show off their plaque after being named one of the best new restaurants during the Detroit Free Press Top 10 Takeover of Baobab Fare earlier this year. *Jurifu Han, Detroit Free Press*

The City is intentional in making sure Detroiters have ownership in all new businesses – including cannabis

In 2008, voters of Michigan legalized medical marijuana

Over 50 medical facilities opened in Detroit – only 4 were
owned by Detroiters

In 2018, Michigan voters legalized recreational cannabis
– but gave exclusive right to existing medical marijuana
shops for two years.

The Mayor and Council stood united that no licenses would be issued in Detroit unless Detroiters had a fair chance at ownership



We were sued six times by those trying to preserve the non-Detroiters' advantage

New lawsuit could stall latest attempt by Detroit to enter recreational marijuana market

Published: May 12, 2022, 9:48 a.m.



Marijuana flower sits in air-tight jars. File photo, Wednesday, February 24, 2021. (Mike Mulholland | MLive.com) Mike Mulholland | MLive.com



By [Gus Burns](mailto:gusburns@mlive.com) | gusburns@mlive.com

Another lawsuit targets Detroit's adult-use marijuana licensing ordinance



By [MJBizDaily Staff](#)

October 3, 2022

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Women, minority execs show few gains in U.S. cannabis industry, according to the latest data from the [MJBiz Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Report](#). Get your copy [here](#).

Detroit's revised adult-use marijuana ordinance has provoked **yet another lawsuit**, this time from a hopeful MJ business owner and a company that operates multiple medical cannabis dispensaries in the city.

According to the Detroit Free Press, plaintiffs Arden Kassab, an aspiring cannabis entrepreneur, and PharmaCo, a subsidiary of marijuana multistate operator Red White & Bloom, want the court to halt the city's application process for limited retail, microbusiness and consumption lounge licenses.

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MARIJUANA

Lawsuit: Detroit pot ordinance gives unfair preference to longtime city residents



[Adrienne Roberts](#)

Detroit Free Press

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A prospective Detroit marijuana business owner and a cannabis company with several medical marijuana dispensaries in Detroit have filed a lawsuit against the city over its recreational marijuana ordinance.

The lawsuit, filed Wednesday in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, said the ordinance gives an unfair preference to longtime Detroiters, and is asking the court to invalidate the ordinance and stop the city from accepting applications for the limited licenses, which includes dispensaries, microbusinesses and consumption lounges.

The plaintiffs say that Detroit's revised ordinance — created after a federal judge called the city's first attempt at an ordinance "likely unconstitutional" — has the

After we won in court in August, we reopened the licensing process

Detroit to reopen recreational marijuana business applications after court ruling

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Detroit City Council President Pro Tem James Tate (left) and Mayor Mike Duggan announce the recreational marijuana license application process will kick off on Thursday.

In December, Detroit finally issued our first 34 recreational marijuana licenses

56% are owned by Detroiters

50% are owned by African Americans



Sisters celebrate success of Black, woman-owned marijuana dispensary in Detroit

'To build some kind of wealth and be able to give back to your community'



**There is no issue on which the Mayor and Council
have been more united than affordable housing**



In May 2020, a mass eviction crisis was predicted for Detroit

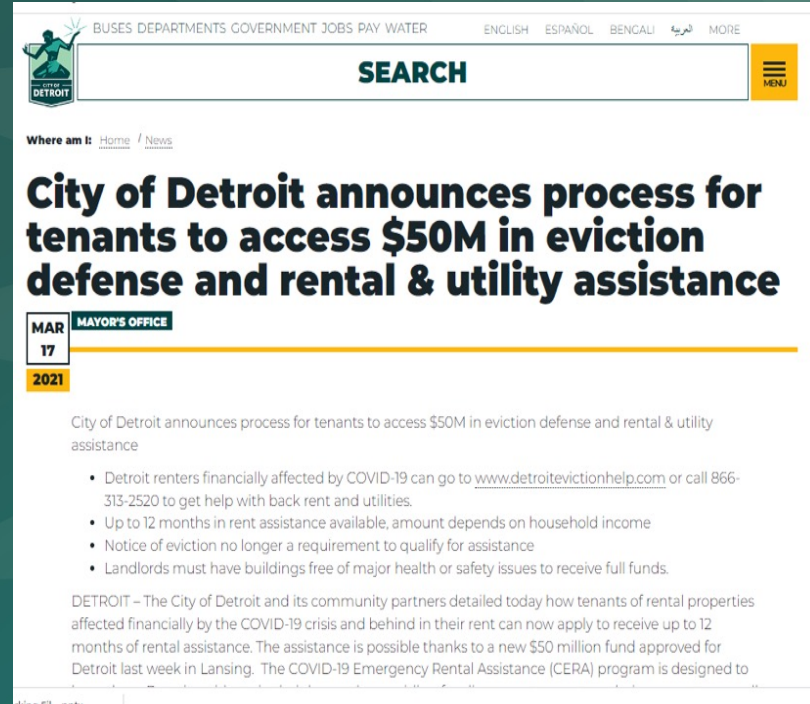
Detroit housing shortage, evictions set stage for COVID-19 housing crisis



The City acted decisively to prevent the crisis – helping 32,000 families remain in their homes

In 2020, we hired lawyers and placed them in landlord/tenant courts: avoided 10,000 evictions

We helped another 20,000 families get assistance with back rent



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the City of Detroit website with links for BUSES, DEPARTMENTS, GOVERNMENT, JOBS, PAY, and WATER. It also includes language options: ENGLISH, ESPAÑOL, BENGALI, العربية, and MORE. A search bar and a menu icon are present. The main content area features the article title, a date stamp for March 17, 2021, and a 'MAYOR'S OFFICE' tag. The article text describes the process for tenants to access \$50M in assistance, listing key details such as the website www.detroitevictionhelp.com, the phone number 866-313-2520, and the availability of up to 12 months of rent assistance.

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City of Detroit announces process for tenants to access \$50M in eviction defense and rental & utility assistance

MAR 17 2021 MAYOR'S OFFICE

City of Detroit announces process for tenants to access \$50M in eviction defense and rental & utility assistance

- Detroit renters financially affected by COVID-19 can go to www.detroitevictionhelp.com or call 866-313-2520 to get help with back rent and utilities.
- Up to 12 months in rent assistance available, amount depends on household income
- Notice of eviction no longer a requirement to qualify for assistance
- Landlords must have buildings free of major health or safety issues to receive full funds.

DETROIT – The City of Detroit and its community partners detailed today how tenants of rental properties affected financially by the COVID-19 crisis and behind in their rent can now apply to receive up to 12 months of rental assistance. The assistance is possible thanks to a new \$50 million fund approved for Detroit last week in Lansing. The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program is designed to

Legal representation for low-income residents at landlord/tenant court continues through Right to Counsel



You must always attend your court hearing if you are facing eviction - don't default - an attorney will be there

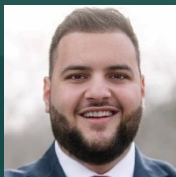
Council President Mary Sheffield was the sponsor of the right to counsel legal assistance ordinance

Thank you to the Gilbert Foundation for its \$13 million commitment to legal representation





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DISTRICT 3



KAREN WHITSETT
DISTRICT 4



NATALIE PRICE
DISTRICT 5



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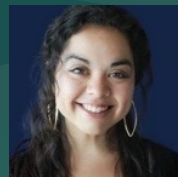
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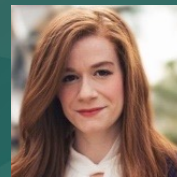
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Lobbying to get further help in Right to Counsel funding from our excellent Lansing delegation

Detroit protects affordable housing - Already preserved 7,911 units, with 2,000 in progress



Lakewood Manor



Parkview Place



Northlawn Gardens



Friendship Meadows



Whittier Apartments



Cadieux Apartments



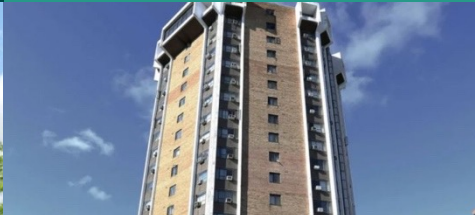
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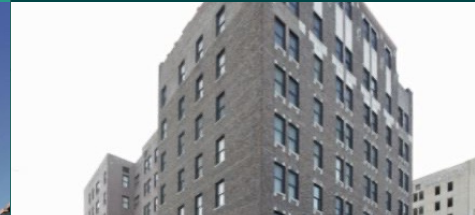
Wilshire Apartments



Orchestra Place



Cathedral Tower



Midtown Square Apartments



University Meadows

And built 1,500 new affordable units



Parker Durand



The Charlotte



City Club Apartments



Kahn Apartments



The Murray



Transfiguration Place



Marlborough



Xavier Square



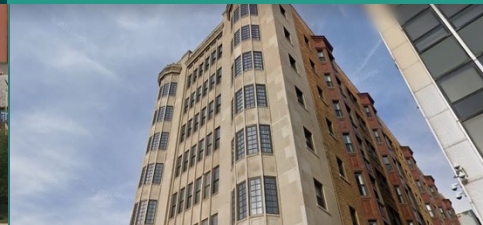
Tremore Apartments



Rev. Holley Residences



Sugar Hill



Peterboro Arms

Working together to prevent our residents being forced into tents like many other cities



Last year, Council Members Waters, Johnson, Calloway and Santiago-Romero partnered on a new \$203 million initiative

Politics & Government

Detroit announces \$203 million affordable housing plan, new Housing Services Division

Michigan Radio | By Briana Rice
Published July 22, 2022 at 2:33 PM EDT

DETROIT

City introduces \$203M affordable housing plan to protect Detroiters from rising rent



Sarah Rahal
The Detroit News

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Detroit — City leaders unveiled a \$203 million affordable housing plan Thursday that takes steps toward addressing housing insecurity and protecting Detroiters from rising rent costs.

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan joined three new city councilmembers — Mary Waters, Angela Whitfield-Calloway and Latisha Johnson — to outline the seven-step plan.



Keith Harris, left, and other neighborhood residents speak to Mayor Mike Duggan about the development of the building behind them at 2600 Tyler. Andy Morrison, The Detroit News



We had 12 completions and construction starts in the last 12 weeks



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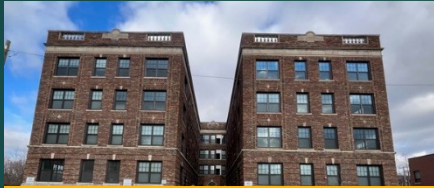
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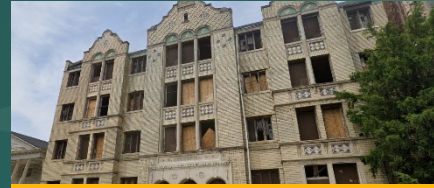
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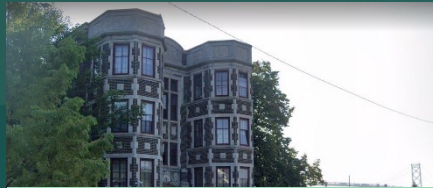
Lee Arden



Kingsley Arms



Wilshire Apts



Savannah Apts



655 W. Willis



Life Builders

This month, I will be sending Council a request to commit another \$31 million of ARPA funds – to build and preserve 600 more units at 13 properties



We're working together to bring beauty to every corner of Detroit

From the west side on Livernois



BEFORE



AFTER

To the abandoned storefronts on West McNichols



BEFORE

Now coming back to life



AFTER

West Warren



BEFORE

Being rebuilt today



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On the East Side on Kercheval



BEFORE

There's now beauty and vibrancy



AFTER

East Warren



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Is coming back with great energy



AFTER

In Southwest Detroit, on abandoned riverfront land



BEFORE

We have built a world class Riverside Park



AFTER

In neighborhoods that thought they had been forgotten,
like Rosa Parks and Clairmount



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We are building beauty



AFTER

On Dexter Avenue ...



BEFORE

...new life and investment



AFTER

The State Fairgrounds had been left abandoned for more than a decade



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We are building a place of employment and beauty



AFTER

We've seen the rebuilding of Campus Martius



DTE creating the new Beacon Park



And the industrial riverfront became one of the most beautiful riverwalks in America



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Detroit files for bankruptcy

Detroit has become the biggest city in U.S. history to file for Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection.



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