

Brightmoor Framework Plan

Consultant Team Introductions

Agency Landscape + Planning with:
Alexandra Miller Consulting
El Dorado with the Meadows Group
Nick Tobier
Sherwood Design Engineers
Toole Design Group

Agency Landscape + Planning

Agency Landscape + Planning is a mission-driven, women-owned small business (WOSB) and certified DBE/WBE practice. Our work engages the full spectrum of design services—from strategic planning to complex public realm implementation. It is tied together by a commitment to public sector work with deep engagement that brings community visions to life. We have a significant practice dedicated to urban planning and landscape architecture, from the regional to neighborhood scale, and a team of twenty designers and planners. Agency has worked on neighborhood plans, parks, and stormwater landscapes across the country.

Community Engagement

Our team—with engagement led by Agency in partnership with Nick Tobier—will support the City of Detroit on community input. Nick has been working in Brightmoor since 2009, as co-founder and co-director of the Brightmoor Maker Space and as a teacher at Detroit Community Schools.

As a team, we believe community conversations and careful listening are the foundation of a planning process and we look forward to collaborating with the Brightmoor community on their plan for the future.

Development & Zoning: Housing, Economic Development, Vacancy

With the community's interest in housing reinvestment, residential vacancy, and the retail/commercial opportunities of Fenkell Ave and Schoolcraft Road, we have a team that can respond to each of these topics. Key expertise in architecture and urban design will be provided by **El Dorado**, who led the Albina Vision Community Investment Plan in collaboration with Agency and Othello Meadows of the **Meadows Group**. El Dorado is a design firm with an emphasis on purpose built places, from the Highlander neighborhood and Accelerator in North Omaha, completed with the Meadows Group, to numerous realized housing projects. Architect Josh Shelton will partner with Othello Meadows to bring in community economic development strategies to programming and design of typologies for reimagining Fenkell Avenue or bringing greater home occupancy to Brightmoor.

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Alexandra Miller of **Alexandra Miller Consulting** brings expertise in housing access and affordability, zoning, economic development, and managing vacancy—from national experience including work in Detroit, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis. Agency, along with Alexandra Miller Consulting, collaborated on Detroit’s Land-Based Projects Standards and Guidelines, creating an understanding of landscape systems, food-based land use, art activation, public realm character, and zoning across the City. Alexandra also works in partnership with communities that have experienced disinvestment to create strategies for inclusive reinvestment without displacement.

Landscape Architecture, Green Stormwater Infrastructure, Streetscape & Mobility

Agency will partner with **Sherwood Design Engineers**, with Agency leading landscape design approaches and Sherwood bringing creative engineering to green stormwater management. Agency’s landscape projects are known for bringing together community visions to renew existing parks and create new open spaces that are welcoming, fun, and resilient.

Sherwood is a civil engineering practice committed to the optimal integration of ecology, infrastructure, and design. They specialize in sustainable infrastructure design, innovation, and sound engineering to make big ideas possible at a building, neighborhood, and district scale. Agency and Sherwood have worked together previously on parks that manage stormwater.

Toole Design Group will join to support livable, resilient streets and greenways, drawing on their local work on the nearby Joe Louis Greenway and on Detroit’s citywide Complete Streets plan.

While each member of this passionate team brings a unique contribution, we are collaborators at our core who believe that everything in a neighborhood is connected. Decisions about development and housing shape transportation systems; parks and streets should be informed by changing environmental systems - and vice versa. This sense of interconnected life is present in Brightmoor today, and we are looking forward to working together with you.