

Brightmoor Framework Plan

Frequently Asked Questions

Where are we currently in the planning process?

Development of the Brightmoor Framework Plan has just begun. We are currently in the data-gathering phase of the planning process.

How will the community meetings be structured?

Meetings will consist of focus groups, advocate discussions, and community update meetings. Focus groups will discuss a particular topic and are used to determine the priorities and concerns of residents.

Advocate discussions are smaller-scale meetings with organizations whether they are formal like a block club or non-profit or informal like a collection of business owners or concerned parents. These meetings will not be recorded. If your organization would like to meet to discuss the framework plan please complete this [form](#).

Community update meetings are used to update the community about the planning process and provide opportunities to connect with other City of Detroit departments. There will be between 3 and 4 community update meetings throughout the planning process.

The majority of meetings will be in person with 1/3 being virtual to accommodate those who may not be able to attend otherwise.

How many meetings have already occurred? What was discussed? How can I access the information if I was unable to attend?

We have hosted 3 meetings and participated in a D1 Monthly Meeting:

Brightmoor Framework Plan Kickoff: Held on February 27th this meeting introduced our consultant Agency Landscape and Planning. It also allowed implementing City departments like the Detroit Land Bank Authority and Detroit Water and Sewer Department to provide updates and resources to residents. Residents were then asked what challenges they were facing in their neighborhoods and what aspects they appreciated most. A summary of those responses can be found [here](#). The meeting recording can be found [here](#).

Two focus group meetings have taken place. The first one held on April 5th covered environmental safety and encouraged residents to reflect on how they interact with the built environment. If you would like to provide your experience the survey can be found [here](#).

The second focus group held on April 19th discussed the current conditions and future aspirations for urban agriculture. A synopsis of the discussion is still in process and will be uploaded to the Brightmoor website once completed. Do you have a garden or farm in Brightmoor? We would love your input, please complete this [survey](#).

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We attended the D1 Monthly Meeting hosted by President Pro Temp Tate's office. Here we discussed the vacant land that is currently being held by Detroit Water and Sewer Department with the support of the Planning and Development Department.

The month of May will focus on advocate discussions, so if you are a part of an organization and would like to discuss the framework plan please complete this [form](#).

Will the meetings be recorded?

Every meeting will not be recorded especially advocate discussions as they will focus on the needs and concerns of individual organizations. However, these conversations may lead to future focus group conversations. The community update meetings will be recorded and uploaded to the Brightmoor [website](#).

What will be the topics for future focus groups?

Focus groups will be held with each age demographic, seniors, adults, and youth. There will also be discussions surrounding housing, stormwater, vacant land, and economic development. As more data is collected more focus groups will be determined. If you have a focus group discussion topic, please email brightmoor@detroitmi.gov.

How much vacant land is currently on hold and why?

There are 2406 parcels currently on hold by the Department of Water and Sewer Department (DWSD) with the support of the Planning and Development Department (PDD). These parcels are being considered for stormwater infrastructure to help combat the flooding that is experienced in the area. The stormwater infrastructure plan is still being developed. We are also holding the land to ensure that there is space for future project implementation once the framework plan is completed. The hold will remain for the next 6 months, any extension of the hold will have to be approved by Mayor Duggan. Side lots and neighborhood lots can still be requested, and parcels are being released as they are no longer needed.

Is there a housing strategy?

There is no current housing strategy for the Brightmoor area, but housing diversity and affordability are the priority. The Planning and Development Department (PDD) will be working closely with the Housing and Revitalization Department (HRD) and the community to develop a short-term and long-term strategy.