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# MERIT PARK ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

10123 GRAND RIVER AVE

## **NON-PROFIT LEADER**

FATE - 10-year cohort-based program for Detroit youth

## **PASTOR**

Associate Pastor - Straight Gate International Church

## **SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR**

Merit - Cause-based design apparel brand

Narrow Way Cafe - Detroit-based coffee shop

## **ATHLETE**

Former University of Michigan Basketball - Captain



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# ABOUT GIVE MERIT



# *Fate* 13 YEARS OF EMPOWERING DETROIT YOUTH



**100%**

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

**+\$300,000**

SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED

**212**

STUDENTS ENROLLED

**103,827**

HOURS OF TRAINING

**36,777**

MENTOR VOLUNTEER HOURS

**1**

PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL









**MERIT PARK**

WELCOME TO MERIT PARK

# The Merit Park Model

## Play



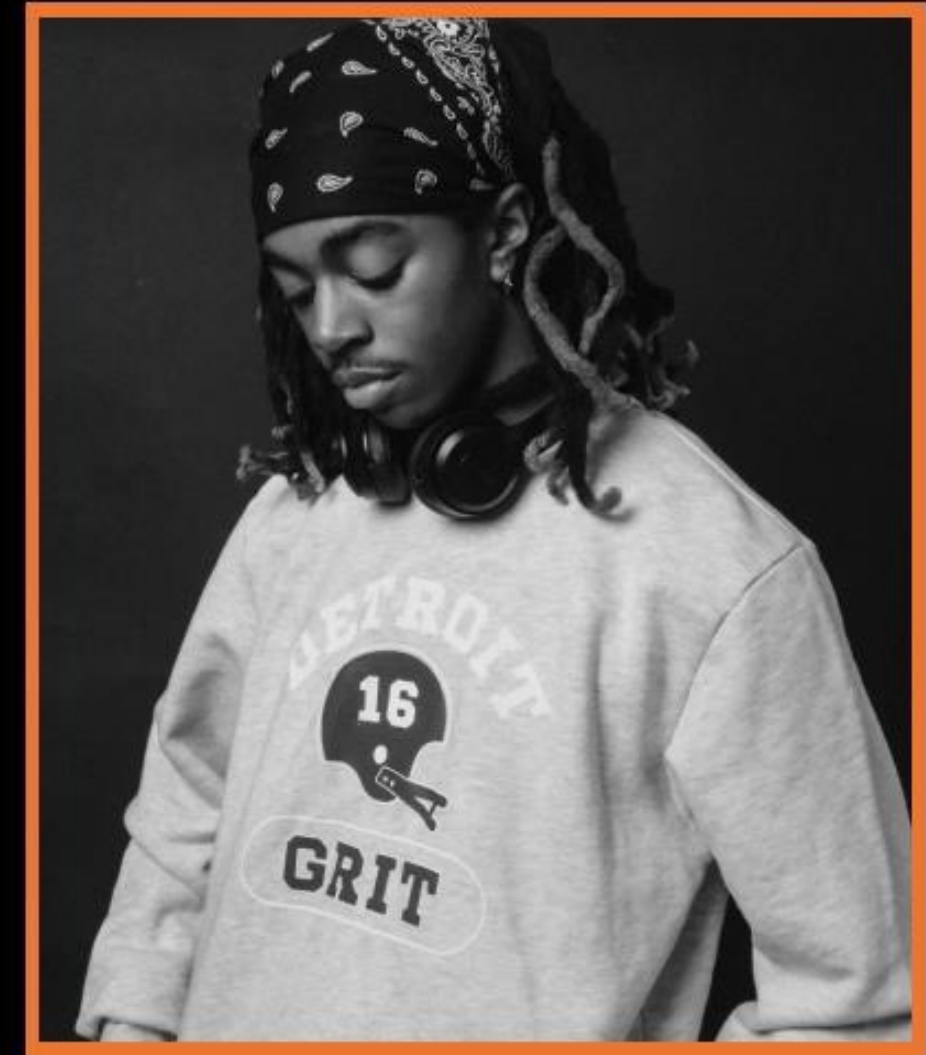
Provide placemaking in The Neighborhood with daily open play and programming for the entire family.

## Performance



Sports leagues complemented by advanced training and conditioning to develop world-class athletes.

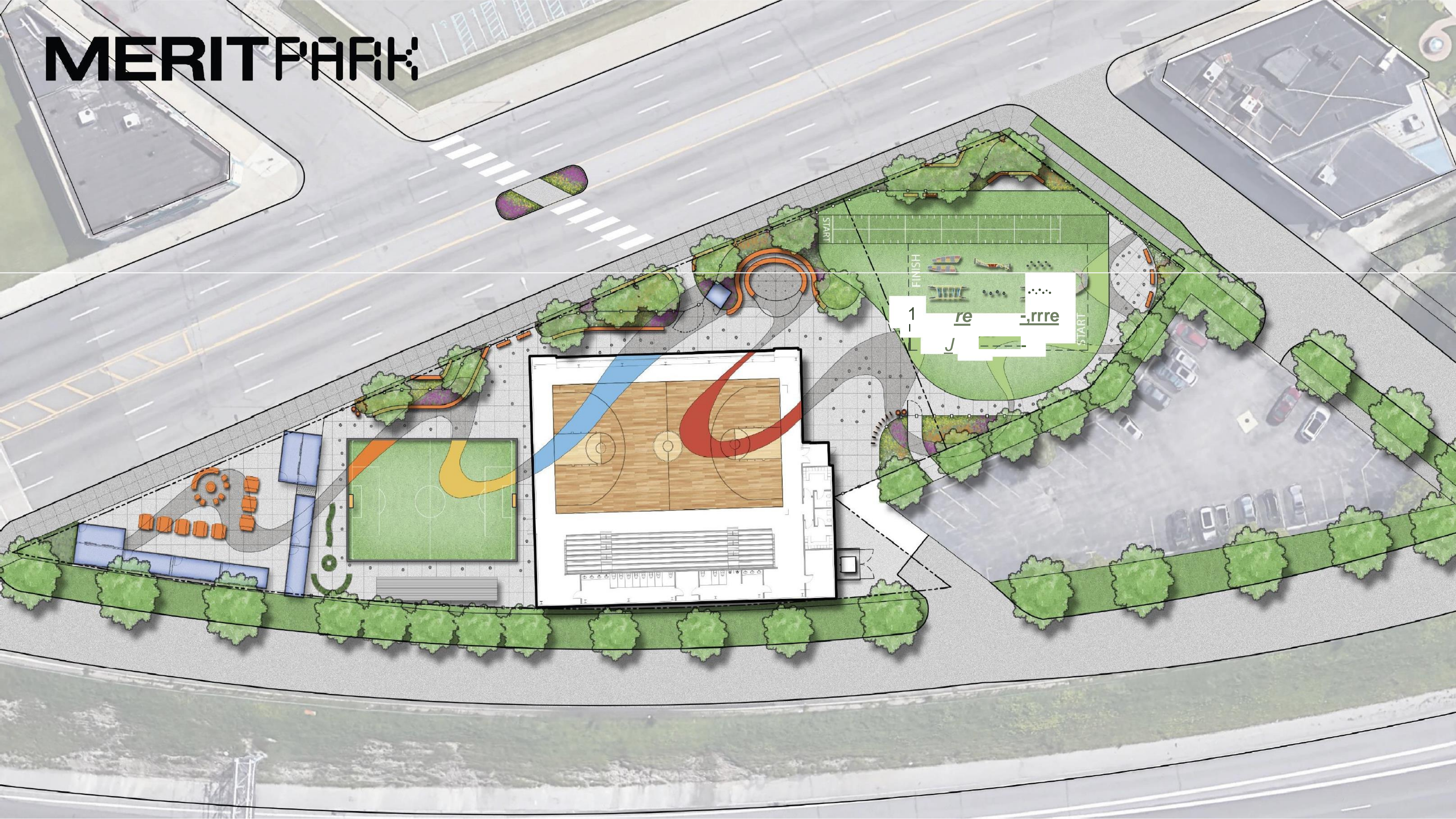
## Professional Development



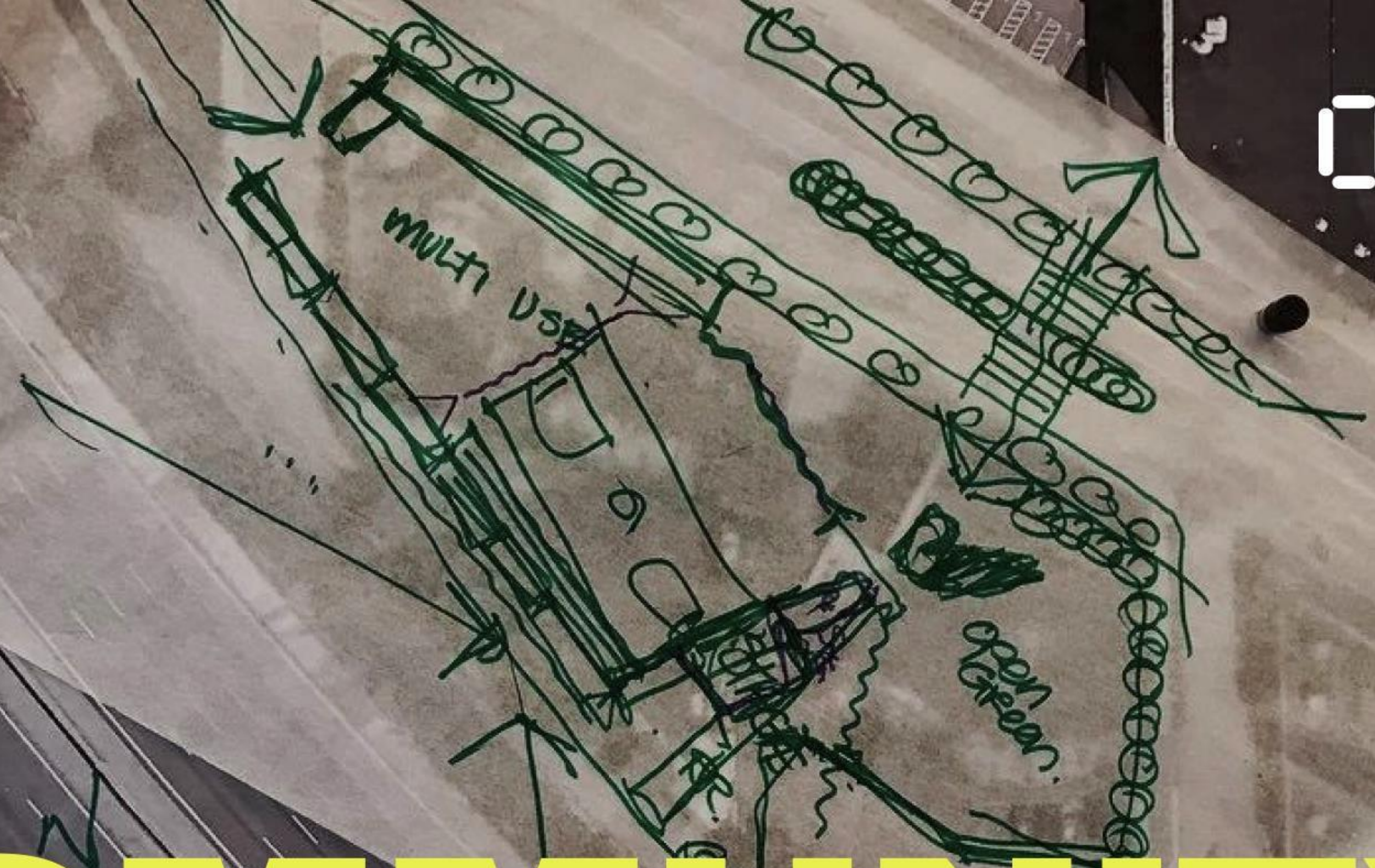
Workforce training to develop talent in sport & entertainment production, retail and entrepreneurship



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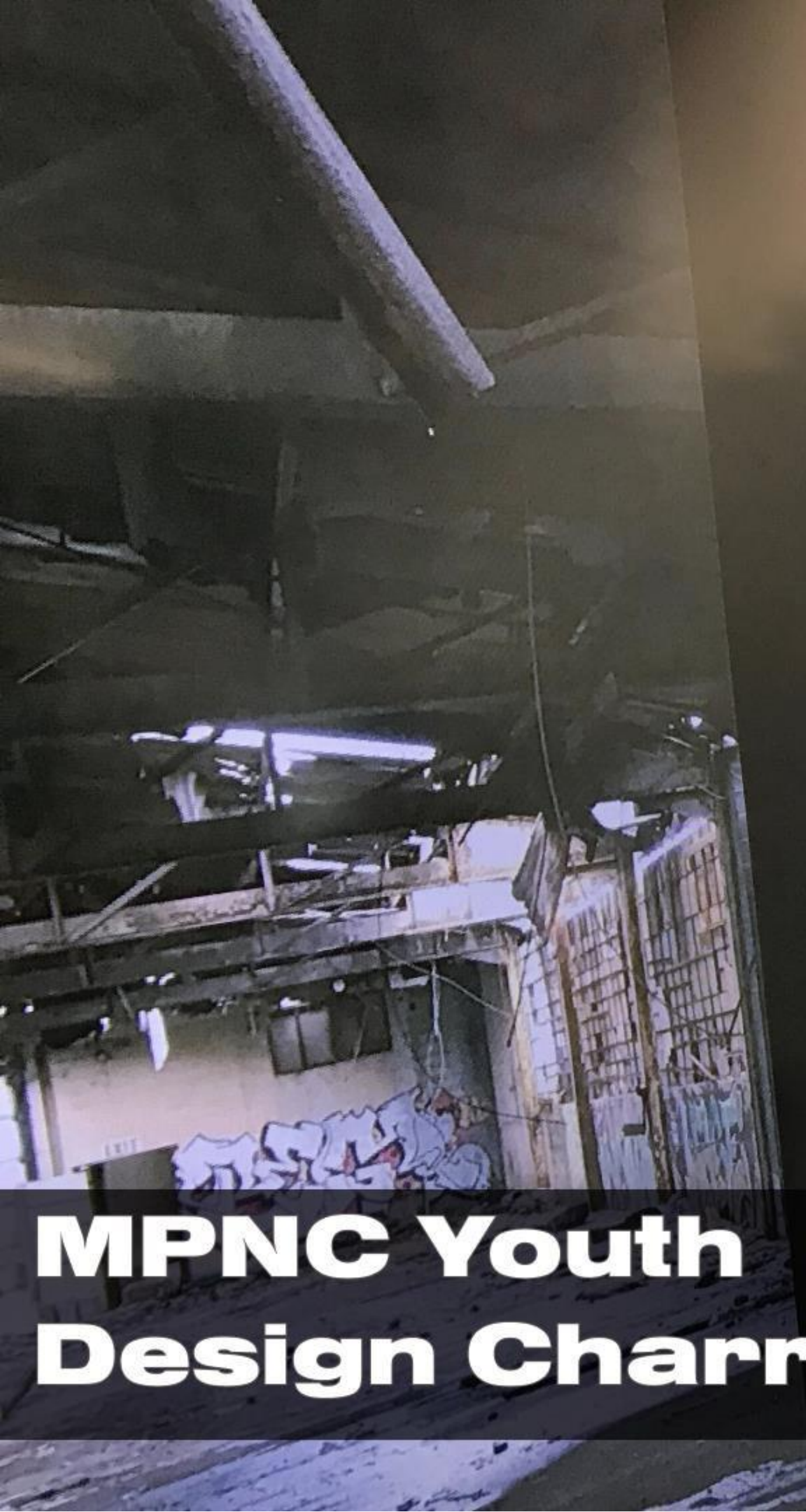
# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



**MacKenzie Elementary-Middle  
School Needs Assessment -  
Students**



**MacKenzie Elementary-Middle  
School Needs Assessment -  
Parents**



# MPNC Youth Design Charrette



**City Of Detroit Youth  
Design Charrette**



# Merit Park Neighborhood Council

A community meeting is taking place in a modern, open-plan space. A large projection screen at the front of the room displays the text: "WHAT DO YOU VALUE ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? WHAT ARE THE ASSETS?". The room is filled with people seated at long tables with orange chairs, facing the screen. A man in a black t-shirt stands near a whiteboard on the left, and a woman in a grey top stands near a small table on the right. The ceiling features exposed ductwork and several long, black, rectangular light fixtures. The floor is dark and reflective. In the background, there are blue walls with a logo and a white brick wall with pendant lights.

WHAT DO YOU VALUE ABOUT  
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?  
WHAT ARE THE ASSETS?

# **Merit Park Neighborhood Meeting**






Property take care of  
Lighting / Security / Police  
Worship  
Street / weather warning  
Trees  
Exposure way  
New construction - people  
Churches

Becomes  
WORK TO

Pursuit

# Merit Park Neighborhood Meeting



**MacKenzie Elementary-Middle  
School Parent Open House**



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# PUBLIC SUPPORT





**Project Support:  
Wayne County \$2M**



**Project Support:  
State Of Michigan \$ 1 M**



**Project Support:  
City Of Detroit**



**Steve Hamp, Merit Park  
Capital Campaign Chair**



# Project Support



DETROIT

BUILDING THE CONFIDENCE  
AND SELF BELIEF WITHIN  
DETROIT'S YOUNG PEOPLE TO:

MAKE THE

PROJECT  
STATUS

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## Observed Concerns

### Security

- Merit Park will be staffed by three security guards during opening hours
- Site plan includes a fenced perimeter
- 24 hour surveillance in operational plan

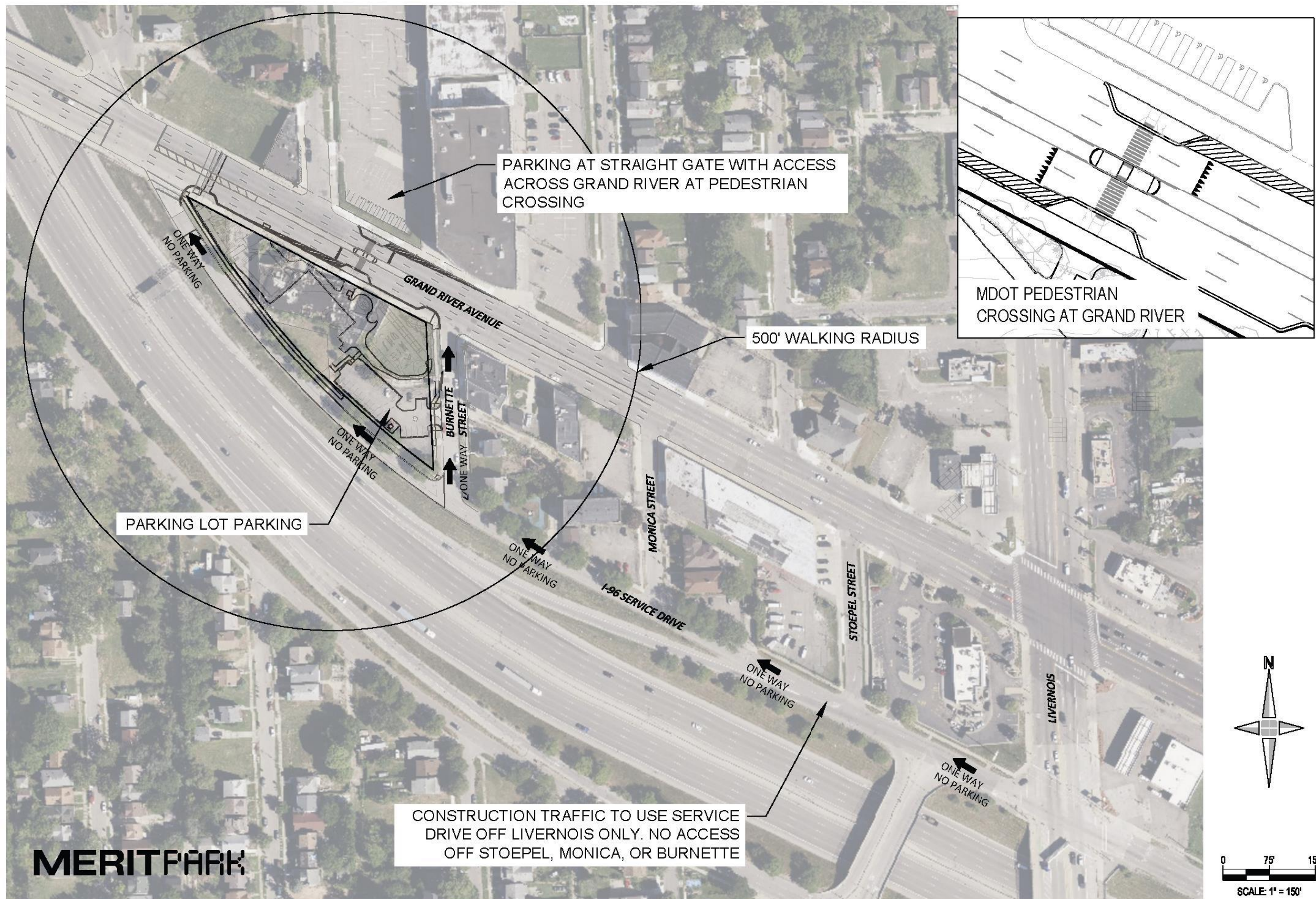
### Construction Vehicle Route

- Additional signage will be added to encourage truck drivers to use Grand River, Livernois, and the I-96 Service Drive for site route

### Limited Parking for Residents

- Lease with The Order of the Fisherman, in perpetuity, for exclusive use of Merit Park lot Monday through Friday from 7 am- 5 pm
- 20 year lease with Straight Gate International Church for overflow parking
- Grand River bump out and median approved by MDOT to ease pedestrian traffic from Merit Park entrance to overflow parking entrance





Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

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2024-06-06	Zoning Info

Developed For:  
**Merit Park**  
10123 Grand River Ave  
Detroit, MI 48204

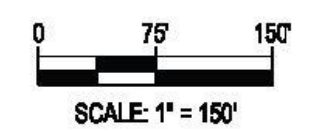
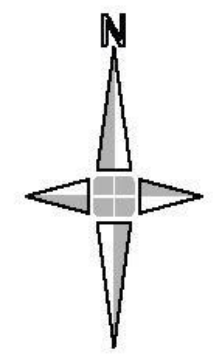
**Zoning- Parking**

**Merit Park**

City of Detroit  
Wayne County  
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