

**From:** [Paul Bass](#)  
**To:** [Historic District Commission \(Staff\)](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lafayette Park Historic District Application From Detroit Thermal  
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Dear City of Detroit Historic District Commissioners,

My Name is Paul Bass. My wife and I live at 1364 Nicolet Place in Lafayette Park. I am writing to request that you please permanently stop Detroit Thermal from using the Easement in front of our house to install steam distribution pipe for their 1300 Lafayette project. I would like to see Detroit Thermal use another route, hopefully in a right of way easement on Rivard Street. The destruction of 60-year-old trees now and in the future when steam leaks will have to be repaired is unconscionable.

I was born and have lived in the City of Detroit for 67 years. We have lived at 1364 Nicolet Place for 31 years. I am totally opposed to crews tearing up my front yard (literally 50 to 75 ft from my front door). I understand easement rules and why they exist. I also understand why Detroit Thermal wants to use this particular easement, but I am opposed to it and Detroit Thermal has not made any friends in our community by barging in and not communicating to us. We have well organized monthly/ annual meetings where open communication would have been very helpful (monthly meetings are conducted via Zoom, which makes it convenient for a guest). I especially do not want 80 psi superheated steam distributed in my community where people meet and children play.

I look forward to attending the City of Detroit Historic District Commission Meeting on May 14, 2025.

Thank you,

Paul Bass