
[EXTERNAL] DENY Certificate of Appropriateness for Detroit Thermal's work in Lafayette Park

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To Garrick Landsberg <landsbergg@detroitmi.gov>

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Dear Mr. Landsberg,

I am writing to state my opposition to Detroit Thermal's application for a Certificate of Appropriateness in the Lafayette Park Historic District. The proposed project would create irreparable harm to our neighborhood. A 60-year-old landscape cannot be "restored." It took 60-years to create.

Detroit Thermal, its staff, engineers, and contractors, throughout this project have proven to be bad actors, misrepresenting the size, scope, and schedule of the project, performing work without required permits, abandoning construction fencing and materials for over eight months, and refusing to share plans or talk to our community. They cannot be trusted to perform work up to the standards required of a historic district.

The steaming vent pipes and heavy construction required of this project belong in city streets, not in a historic park-like setting next to a beloved community gathering space and beloved children's playground. Put this project in a street, not our neighborhood.

Furthermore, why should the poor planning and incompetence of others (1300 Lafayette and Detroit Thermal) be the crisis and emergency of the Lafayette Park coops?

We, the residents of Lafayette Park, ask the Historic Commission to **DENY** a Certificate of Appropriateness to Detroit Thermal to do work in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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