

[EXTERNAL] Detroit Thermal and Lafayette Park

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Good afternoon,

I am contacting you regarding the Detroit Thermal project in Lafayette Park. As the president of the 1300 Lafayette East Cooperative, I have been actively involved in this process since assuming office in April 2025.

While I understand that our neighbors are concerned about preserving the historical nature of their property, it is evident that Detroit Thermal has provided solutions for each concern raised by the Mies Townhomes residents. The playground has been removed from the equation, the steam pipe/vent is no longer near the playground, and the steam vents shown at the May meeting have been replaced with manholes in the parking areas. The latest report indicates an impact on approximately seven trees, with only two being removed and subsequently replanted in their previous location.

Each delay has incurred substantial costs for our cooperative, amounting to tens of thousands of dollars each month, which is not sustainable. We are once again approaching the heating season, and we hope that there will be no further delays.

Kind regards, *Amy T. Turner 2025-26 1300 Lafayette East Cooperative President*