



Outlook

[EXTERNAL] Oppose Detroit Thermal's Current Plan - They Have An Alternative Route Available

From NClark Campbell <nclarkcampbell@gmail.com>**Date** Tue 7/1/2025 5:09 PM**To** Historic District Commission (Staff) <hdc@detroitmi.gov>

Commissioners:

I respectfully request that you reject Detroit Thermal's application for this project.

From the outset of this proposal Detroit Thermal assumed they could provide 1300 Lafayette with steam by taking the shortest route possible, regardless of how or where that took them. They are familiar and comfortable working with pavement, roadways and curbs. It is crystal clear that they have no concept of and little concern for the havoc and devastation their work will wreak on an area like ours with a mature tree canopy and understory, one that took decades and generations to establish.

Our trees will not survive the attack on their root systems. Trenching 8 feet deep will most assuredly damage them beyond recovery.

Detroit Thermal does have a readily available alternate path to facilitate this steam delivery, one that does not destroy our National Historic Landmark landscape.

They have a fully functional steam infrastructure that is capable of this task that was in full service up until two years ago, delivering Detroit Thermal steam to the Chrysler Elementary school right across the street from 1300. This is the same infrastructure they are proposing to tap in to take a shortcut through our greenspace.

If there is any hardship on the part of the petitioner it is entirely self inflicted. Had they followed the correct protocols, the ones they have avoided from the outset, this issue could have been addressed and resolved much sooner.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important concern.

Sincerely,

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