



# DEMOLITION BEST PRACTICES WORKING SESSION

## OVERVIEW

Facilitated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and hosted in partnership with the Blight Task Force, the Detroit Land Bank, and Detroit Future City, the intention of this event is to provide support to the Blight Task Force's reporting and recommendation process for the net benefits mobilization of Hardest Hit Funds in Detroit. The Demolition Best Practices Working Session will consolidate recommendations and near term, actionable opportunities for job creation, waste diversion, neighborhood-scaled communications and the management of public health impact through the Hardest Hit Fund investment in the large scale mobilization of a building removal process. This day long working session will partner a diverse set of local experts with up to date, neighborhood level parcel information, provided by the Motor City Mapping project. Report Delivery will be coordinated between the US EPA, Detroit Future City, and the Motor City Mapping Project, for time sensitive delivery to the Blight Task Force.

## OBJECTIVES

- Bring together a diverse group of experienced practitioners and leadership to workshop alternative models for neighborhood scaled demolition.
- Provide practical recommendations to infuse the local investment of the Hardest Hit Fund spend with materials management practices.
- Define near term gaps and opportunities for the authorship of a net benefits model of neighborhood revitalization through the structure removal process.

## IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES & ACTIONS

E	LAND REGULATIONS, TRANSACTIONS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS
D1	"Hire Detroit" : Strengthen local hiring practices.
G2	Create an interagency platform to coordinate change across public and private sector bodies.
F1	Reduce total levels of waste
B1	Deploy surplus land as multifunctional infrastructure landscapes, primarily addressing flood water mitigation and air quality
D1	Undertake massive demolition/ deconstruction program.
D3	Deploy a variety of low cost, low maintenance open space improvements.
B1	Reuse vacant lots to enhance neighborhood stability.
B2	Adopt targeted demolition strategy based on stabilization priorities.

## EVALUATION METRICS

Percent of 2014 Hardest Hit Fund Spend invested in a diversified demolition process



SCHEDULE

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

2014

## INITIATIVE VITALS

### CONTRIBUTING ORGANIZATIONS:

United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Detroit Future City, Blight Task Force, Detroit Landbank Authority

**DFC INITIATIVE TYPE:** Partner/Execute

**DFC REPRESENTATIVE:** Erin Kelly

**INITIATIVE SCALE:** Day long workshop; Reporting to the Blight Task Force for Spring 2014 Action

**INITIATIVE DURATION:** January 2014 – March 2014

**RELEVANT PLANNING ELEMENTS:** City Systems, Economic Growth, Neighborhoods, Land and Buildings Assets

## DFC APPROACH

The United States Environmental Protection Agency will work with DFC to identify event participants, develop meaningful working session structure and content, and to report charrette outcomes to the Blight Task Force. The EPA and DFC will identify and invite participants from within Detroit who are technical experts on their specific topics. The EPA will co-host and administer the Working Session in Detroit on March 4th.



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