



DENBY HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

OVERVIEW

The Detroit Future City Strategic Framework Plan provides a clear vision and approach for Detroit's future. The implementation horizons for change call for the stability, improvement, sustainability and eventual transformation of Detroit between now and 2050. This call for a long-term plan necessitates the engagement of youth who hold a significant stake in the present and future of Detroit. As a result, Denby High School has adopted the Detroit Future City Strategic Framework Plan in two significant manners. The 2014 senior class at Denby High School will complete senior capstone projects utilizing the Detroit Future City Strategic Framework to drive research topics. Secondly, Denby High will incorporate the Detroit Future City Strategic Framework into the education curriculum across the following subjects: 1) math, 2) science, 3) English, and 4) social studies. The initiative provides a platform to involve youth in civic engagement while activating the participation of the larger community.

OBJECTIVE

- Provide technical assistance to Denby High School in developing curriculum plan, partner coordination and project launch event
- Align youth capstone projects with engagement of the larger community
- Engage students, Denby High School staff and residents around the Detroit Future City Strategic Framework Plan

RESOURCES

- Detroit Future City Process Leaders
- Detroit Future City Implementation Office
- Denby High School staff
- Detroit Collaborative Design Center staff

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES & ACTIONS

- 1 EXPAND CAPACITY FOR THE LONG TERM: BUILDING ON STRENGTHS TO EXTEND RANGE
 - 1.3 Focus on Detroit institutions
 - 1.4 Focus on Detroit residents
- 2 INFORMED, INCLUSIVE DECISIONS: DEVELOPING AND SHARING KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION
- 3 A MOSAIC OF TACTICS FOR A MOSAIC OF PEOPLE: DIVERSE PLATFORM OF OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

EVALUATION METRICS

- Number of students directly engaged
- Number of other community stakeholders directly engaged
- Identification of legacy projects to fulfill the DFC Strategic Framework
- Feedback from Denby High School staff regarding the quality and impact of the partnership with Detroit Future City

Engagement with Denby High School staff; Coordination of student project launch event

Provided feedback for Denby High School Detroit Future City Strategic Framework curriculum; Installation of Detroit Future City Strategic Framework Road Show

Presentation of Denby High School class of 2014 senior capstone project

SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

2013

2014

INITIATIVE VITALS

CONTRIBUTING ORGANIZATIONS: Detroit Future City, Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC), Denby High School

DFC INITIATIVE TYPE: Partner

DFC REPRESENTATIVES: Sandra Turner Handy (Process Leader), Heidi Alcock, Allandra Bulger, Charles Cross (DCDC)

INITIATIVE SCALE: One public high school in Detroit

INITIATIVE DURATION: October 2013–Ongoing

RELEVANT PLANNING ELEMENT: Civic Capacity

DFC APPROACH

The Detroit Future City Implementation Office provided Denby High School with Detroit Future City Strategic Framework Plan supplemental materials.

Moving forward, DFC will provide copies of the Detroit Future City Strategic Framework Plan to the Denby High School senior class teachers. In coordination with the Detroit Collaborative Design Center, Detroit Future City roadshow panels will be installed at Denby High School to provide opportunities for students to learn more about the strategic framework and communicate their ideas and perspectives.

Additionally, the Detroit Future City Process Leaders will provide mentoring and coaching to the students throughout the project, and the DFC Implementation Office will provide feedback regarding the curriculum implemented to teach and engage students about the strategic framework. The DFC Implementation Office will also meet periodically with Denby High School staff to monitor the students' progress and plan a community launch event for student projects to foster broader community engagement.



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