

HARDEST HIT FUND

OVERVIEW

In June of 2013, the United States Department of Treasury permitted the use of approximately \$100 million of the Hardest Hit Fund for demolition of residential structures in Michigan. On August 20, 2013, Governor Snyder announced that Detroit will receive \$52.2 million of the total sum for demolition. These funds will give Detroit an unprecedented opportunity to make great strides towards accomplishing one of Detroit Future City's 5-year goals of stabilizing the physical conditions of its neighborhoods. Detroit Future City analyzed areas where the utilization of these funds could have the largest positive impact on the wellbeing of the entire city, according to the criteria of the program, by focusing on stabilizing Detroit's low-and moderate-vacancy neighborhoods.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES & ACTIONS

B	USE VACANT LAND AS A TOOL FOR NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION
B2	Adopt targeted demolition strategy based on stabilization priorities.
B5	Pursue targeted neighborhood stabilization strategies.
A	CREATE A CITYWIDE FRAMEWORK FOR GROWTH AND INVESTMENT
A2	Base land use decisions on the fundamental physical and market conditions of the city: low-vacancy, moderate-vacancy, high-vacancy and Greater Downtown areas
A	ADDRESS QUALITY OF LIFE CHALLENGES THAT AFFECT ALL DETROITERS

OBJECTIVES

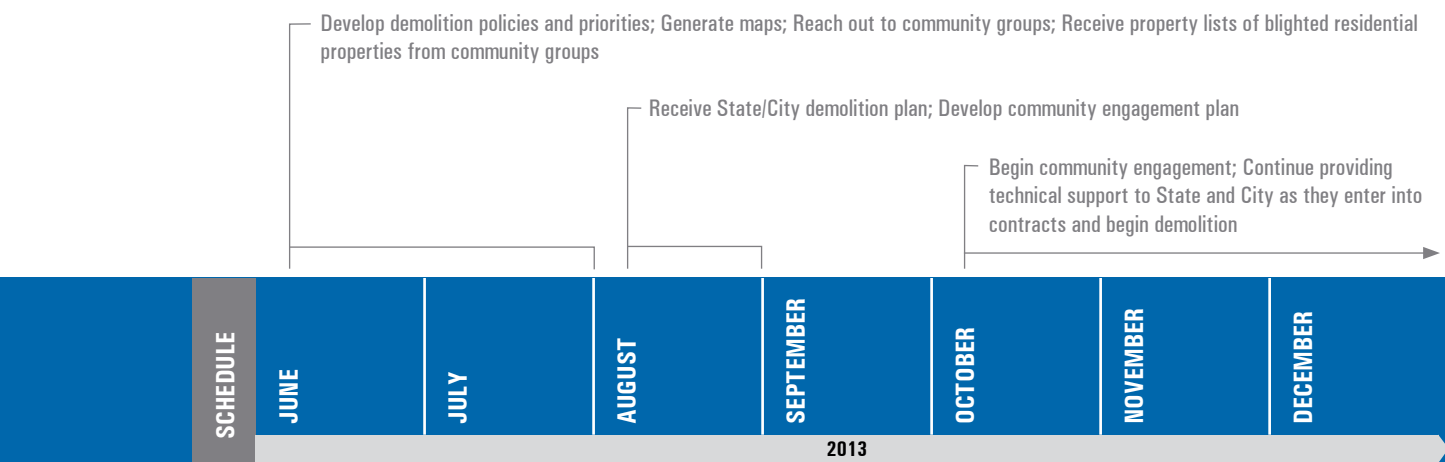
- Provide technical assistance to the State of Michigan and the City of Detroit in developing a demolition plan, using the Detroit Future City Strategic Framework as a guide
- Obtain first-hand knowledge of on-the-ground conditions of blighted structures in neighborhoods from local community groups
- Engage community groups and residents around the demolition plan when it is released

RESOURCES

- Detroit Future City staff
- Consultants:
 - Hamilton Anderson Associates staff
 - Center for Community Progress staff

EVALUATION METRICS

- Number of community-identified properties demolished
- Number of people reached by community engagement
- Feedback from State and City on DFC performance



INITIATIVE VITALS

CONTRIBUTING ORGANIZATIONS: DFC, Michigan Land Bank, MSHDA, Office of the Emergency Manager, Detroit Land Bank, Center for Community Progress

DFC INITIATIVE TYPE: Partner

DFC REPRESENTATIVE: Michael Brady (Center for Community Progress)

INITIATIVE SCALE: Six Low- and Moderate-Vacancy neighborhoods across Detroit

INITIATIVE DURATION: June 2013 – August 2013 for recommendations; October 2013 – September 2014 for implementation

RELEVANT PLANNING ELEMENTS: Land and Buildings Assets, Land Use, Neighborhoods

DFC APPROACH

Using the DFC Strategic Framework, the DFC Implementation Office identified areas in the city where demolition would achieve the desired goals within the Hardest Hit Fund program parameters. Part of the process was the identification of properties that will be included in the Wayne County Treasurer's upcoming tax foreclosure auction as well as properties already owned by the city, state, and their respective land banks.

Additionally, the DFC Implementation Office worked with community leaders within areas of interest to obtain information about blighted structures in their neighborhoods. The data provided by community leaders combined with Detroit Future City framework were considered by the City and State in the identification areas that will receive of Hardest Hit Fund demolition.

Moving forward, the DFC Implementation Office will continue to coordinate with MSHDA, the Michigan Land Bank, the Detroit Land Bank and the Office of the Emergency Manager to provide technical assistance to the team, as well as engage with the affected communities.

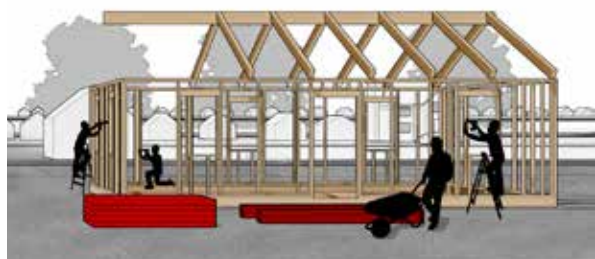


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