

ECO-D

OVERVIEW

The Detroit Future City Strategic Framework provides a clear vision for the city's future. Promotion of a sustainable city through the creation of sustainable neighborhoods is key to realizing the Framework's vision.

In June of 2014, DFC joined a coalition of Detroit organizations in traveling to Portland, Oregon to participate in national summit to catalyze the creation of new "Eco Districts" throughout the country. Eco Districts seek to create sustainable cities by creating sustainable neighborhoods. This exploratory trip firmed the commitment of these groups to create Eco-D, a collaborative network framework to pioneer the creation of Detroit's first eco-districts.

This effort will develop neighborhood-based sustainability efforts that layer multiple initiatives and partners and showcase how these approaches can be applied differently to diverse types of neighborhoods. This is being undertaken through a collaborative process that will produce community led economic development that uses best practices and innovations from the field of sustainability.

RESOURCES

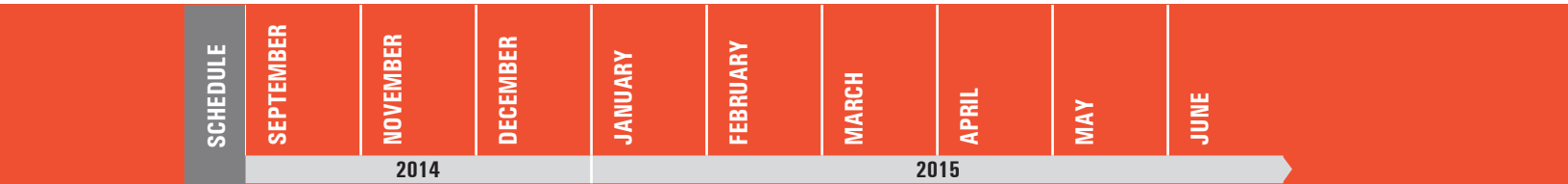
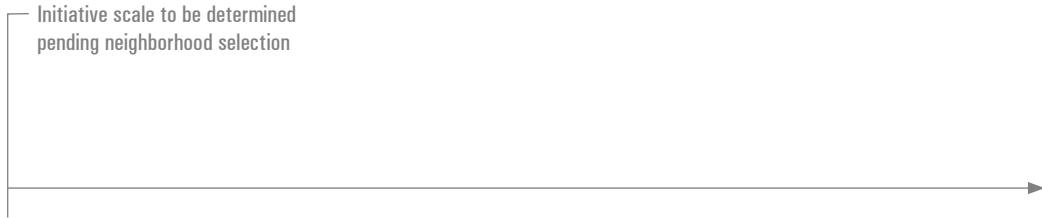
- Detroit Future City Implementation Office
- Eco Works
- Community Development Advocates (CDAD)
- The Greening of Detroit
- Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).
- Vista Vantage

OBJECTIVES

- Creation of a collaborative structure that supports the creation of Detroit's first eco-districts.
- To provide a collaborative framework for designation and implementation of district plans, technical assistance, and information .
- Development of workable criteria and action plans for the selection of target neighborhoods.
- Identification of target neighborhoods in the City of Detroit that can serve as the city's first eco districts. To provide a collaborative framework for designation and implementation of district plans, technical assistance, and information.
- Coordinate existing sustainability services for greater impact in those neighborhoods.
- Use the eco-district designation to attract funding and investors for those neighborhoods.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

- A CREATE A CITYWIDE FRAMEWORK FOR GROWTH AND INVESTMENT
- B SUPPORT A NETWORK OF NEW AND EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD TYPES
- C INTRODUCE NEW FORMS OF DEVELOPMENT
- D CREATE A NEW AND DIVERSE OPEN SPACE SYSTEM FOR THE CITY
- B CREATE, WALKABLE MIXED USE NEIGHBORHOODS
- D REPURPOSE VACANT LAND TO CREATE GREEN NEIGHBORHOODS
- F UTILIZE PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPES AS THE BASIS FOR A SUSTAINABLE CITY



INITIATIVE VITALS



CONTRIBUTING ORGANIZATIONS:

Eco Works, Detroit Future City, Community Development Advocates, The Greening of Detroit, MSHDA

DFC REPRESENTATIVE: Kenneth Cockrel Jr.

INITIATIVE SCALE: To be determined pending neighborhood selection

INITIATIVE DURATION: April 2014–Present

RELEVANT PLANNING ELEMENTS:
Land Use, Neighborhoods

EVALUATION METRICS

The goal of Eco-D is to help every neighborhood move toward sustainability, recognizing that most neighborhoods are starting from different places. With that in mind, these are the primary metrics for the project:

- Number of neighborhoods meeting the Eco-D criteria – Goal: 2 new neighborhoods each year
- Residents benefit – Goal: at least 25% of the residents of each Eco-D neighborhood benefit directly from the services coordinated or provided by Eco-D partners.
- Community-led – Goal: Every new Eco-D neighborhood uses a 2/3 majority decision making process, thereby setting a strong standard and example for community-led development as a sustainability best practice.
- Annual progress – Goal: Every Eco-D neighborhood makes annual progress toward their own sustainability metrics. Note that the precise metrics for these will vary from neighborhood to neighborhood (e.g. some focus on water, while another on energy projects), but all are expected to make annual progress on their locally defined goals.

DFC APPROACH

The Detroit Future City Implementation Office works assists Eco D and other project partners to develop a framework for the selection and implementation of Eco Districts in Detroit neighborhoods. DFC also collaborates with these partners to raise the capacity of these neighborhoods to successfully execute Eco District plans and ensure the alignment of these plans with the Detroit Strategic Framework.



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