

OPEN SPACE RESEARCH

OVERVIEW

With funding from MSHDA, the Americana Foundation, and additional technical assistance through the Center for Community Progress (CCP) Technical Assistance Scholarship Program (TASP), the Detroit Future City Implementation Office (DFC) has initiated an open space research and planning process. DFC is engaging stakeholders through a series of stakeholder interviews to inform the larger open space research and advocacy work. DFC is also researching and performing data analysis on the different types of open space that could make up with city's open space network. Pilot projects will be initiated as a part of this larger work, including a pilot project with Fresh Coast Capital. The Americana Foundation funding will be used to support specific engagement with the food system community. The CCP team is drafting initial research findings and recommendations focused on long term ownership models as well as funding and financing strategies for a city-wide open space network.

OBJECTIVES

- Gather research and data that will help inform open space advocacy work and open space planning, including case studies and technical data analysis
- Gain feedback and technical information from key stakeholders as well as build constituency through stakeholder engagement
- Implement key concepts through pilot projects
- Provide analysis and recommendations for long-term ownership models for open space
- Provide funding and financing models for the open space network

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

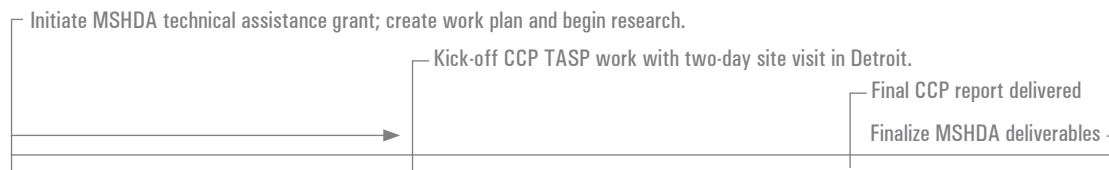
- D** CREATE A NEW AND DIVERSE OPEN SPACE SYSTEM FOR THE CITY
- B** CREATE LANDSCAPES THAT WORK
- F** UTILIZE PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPES AS THE BASIS FOR A SUSTAINABLE CITY
- C** TRANSFORM LARGELY VACANT AREAS THROUGH BLUE AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

RESOURCES

- MSHDA Michigan State Housing Development Authority
- Americana Foundation
- Center for Community Progress

EVALUATION METRICS

- Number of stakeholders engaged
- CCP report released
- MSHDA final report released
- Pilot projects implemented



SCHEDULE

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

2015

INITIATIVE VITALS

CONTRIBUTING ORGANIZATIONS:

DFC, Center for Community Progress

DFC REPRESENTATIVES: Dara O'Byrne

INITIATIVE SCALE AND DISTRICT: Citywide

INITIATIVE DURATION: January 2015 to December 2015

RELEVANT PLANNING ELEMENTS:

Land Use, Public Assets

DFC APPROACH

The Detroit Future City Implementation Office is building from the open space vision laid out in the framework to add more details about how to turn the vision into reality. Through stakeholder engagement, technical research, data analysis, and a partnership with CCP, DFC is working to create a tool for continued advocacy and to inform open space planning. The planning, policy, and implementation recommendations that will come out of this process will help inform City of Detroit officials and community groups working to implement open space. In addition, DFC is initiating a series of pilot projects that will show how the open space network can be achieved on the ground. This work will improve the quality of life for Detroiters by improving the environment, public health, and the physical condition of our city by enabling the implementation of an innovative open space network.