



## Cohort IV (2017-19) Position Description

### Detroit Future City Sustainable Landscapes Manager

The Sustainable Landscapes Manager will build on DFC's civic capacity and racial equity focus to directly assist organizations across Detroit to become leaders in vacant land transformation. This position will provide technical assistance for the 'Working with Lots' mini-grant program and develop partnerships to expand the scale and impact of the Field Guide to Working with Lots <https://dfc-lots.com/>. This includes providing technical assistance for grant development and implementation, working to help groups minimize their stormwater surcharge, and coordinating initiatives that support a robust job pipeline related to green infrastructure installation.

This position will be closely linked to developing partnerships in the community--from residents, community organizations and businesses. This role is instrumental in advancing The Land Use and City Systems component of DFC's five-year strategic plan and will inform open space policy/advocacy, and community and economic development. The fellow will be leading the team (including consultants) needed for implementation and will have the flexibility to manage their own schedule to accommodate working closely with external partners and the community.

The ideal candidate should be fluent in the benefits of green stormwater infrastructure and how to best implement it. They will have experience with landscape design, planting, maintenance and project management and be comfortable supporting the efforts of community members of all backgrounds and all levels of knowledge with green interventions. This position will report to the Director of Land Use and Sustainability and work as part of the Land Use team. They will be considered a thought leader who will actively contribute to the dialogue and culture-shift around vacant land in Detroit, and far beyond.