



THE EAST FERRY WARREN NEIGHBORHOOD GREEN SPACE PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

GREEN SPACE:

An area of grass, trees, or other vegetation reserved and maintained for recreational or aesthetic purposes.

Green space planning provides a systematic approach to providing parks and recreation opportunities to a community and takes place on local, state, and national scales. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recommends that every American has access to a great park within a ten-minute walk from home.¹ And, as studies continue to show the importance of time spent outdoors as it relates to our mental and physical health, more neighborhoods and municipalities are giving the creation of green spaces greater priority.²

To support their green space planning, many communities use a set of national standards developed by the NRPA.³ Building upon its own history of commitment and investment in green spaces, from 2019 to 2020, the East Ferry Warren Community Association partnered with Detroit Future City to undertake a green space planning project for its community.

The Farnsworth Community Garden

A community garden, gathering and event space for residents of the East Ferry Warren neighborhood.



Photo Source: Garrett MacLean

1: National Recreation and Park Association, "Americans Agree: Every Person Deserves Access to a Great Park Within a 10-Minute Walk." <https://www.nrpa.org/about-national-recreation-and-park-association/press-room/americans-agree-every-person-deserves-access-to-a-great-park-within-a-10-minute-walk/>, 2018.

2: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Parks, Trails and Health" <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/healthtopics/parks.htm>, 2014.

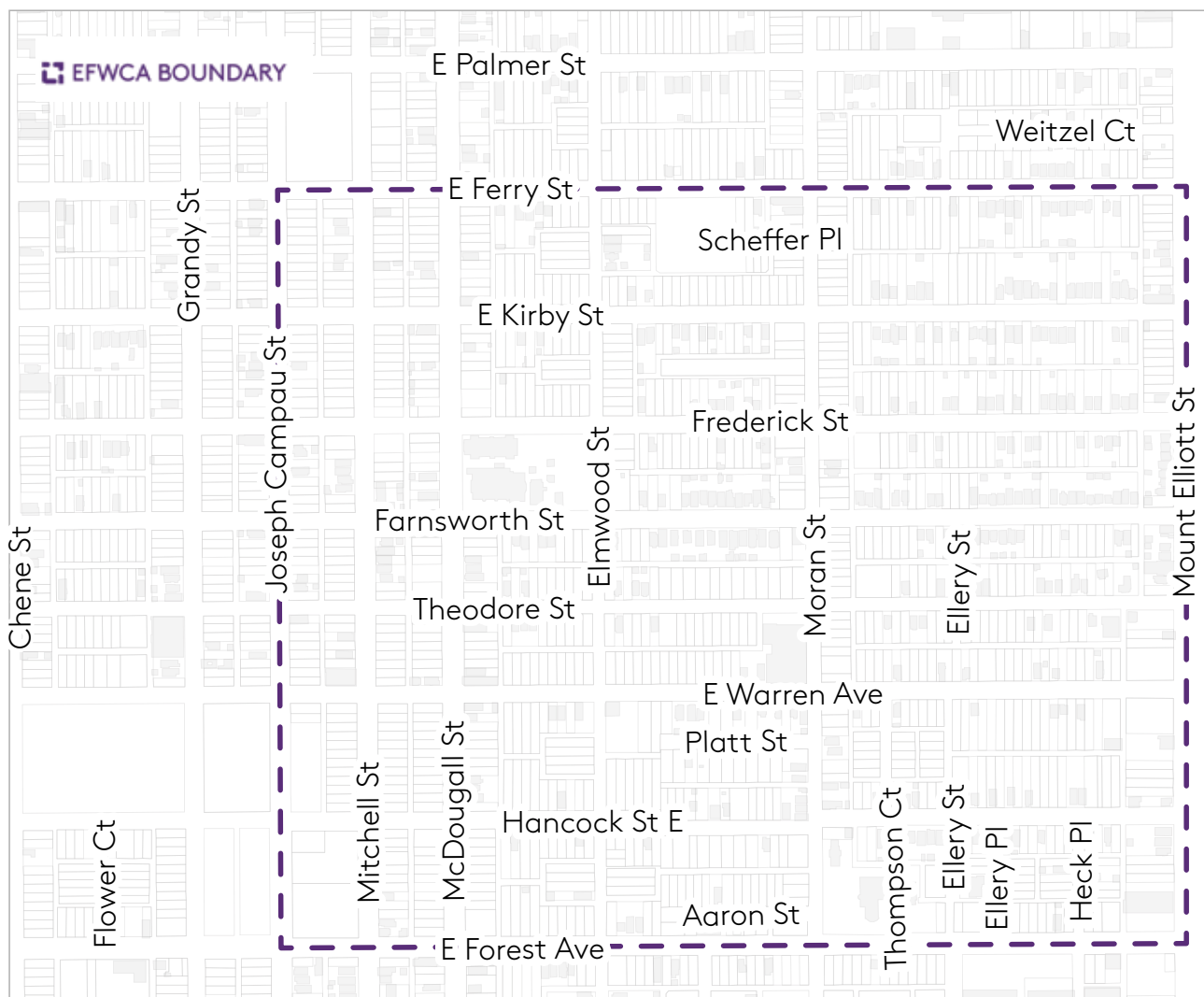
3: Planning and Urban Design Standards, Frederick R. Steiner and Kent Butler. American Planning Association, 2007.

EAST FERRY WARREN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The East Ferry Warren Community Association (EFWCA) is a Detroit neighborhood association founded in 2018. Representing an area of 26 blocks, the EFWCA lies within the East Poletown Neighborhood and is bounded by East Ferry Street to the north, Mount Elliott Street to the east, East Forest Avenue to the south, and Joseph Campau Street to the west.

East Ferry Warren Community Association Neighborhood Boundary

With the intent of working together in an official capacity for the betterment of the neighborhood, the community association was founded upon the mission of "combining our efforts for the purpose of promoting a greater sense of cooperation among and between us; maintaining and improving our property; and developing a sense of individual obligation to the area in which we reside."



HISTORY OF NEIGHBORHOOD GREEN SPACE

This lower east side neighborhood has struggled with severe population loss and disinvestment for decades. In the 1980s, in the wake of this loss, a group of environmentally-conscious residents and stakeholders began developing parcels of vacant land with gardens, orchards, and other eco-friendly investments. These green space projects began to attract those with similar passions and goals. Now, almost forty years later, there is a fabric of green space projects throughout the neighborhood but no guiding plan or written set of neighborhood principles. Many projects exist despite ambiguous regulations, with little financial support and only because of the sweat equity investments of neighborhood residents. Considering this current and emerging array of projects, community stakeholders began to seek outside support and coordination and the legitimacy and formalization of a cohesive plan.

THE PARTNERSHIP

In 2018, Detroit Future City met with a member of the EFWCA to learn about the long history of green space projects in the neighborhood, the community association's goals for the neighborhood and concerns stemming from recent development in the adjacent Eastern Market neighborhood.

In 2019, DFC had the opportunity to submit a green space project proposal for a grant from the Americana Foundation. With a history of green space projects in the community, and an established relationship with two other East Ferry Warren-based nonprofits through Detroit Future City's Working with Lots Grant Program, DFC partnered with the community association to submit a proposal for a 12-month green space planning project.

COVID-19 Pandemic

The original timeline for this planning initiative began in September 2019 with a tour of neighborhood green spaces and was intended to end in August 2020 with the public presentation of the green space plan. DFC planned to hold EFWCA green space committee meetings monthly and three public meetings for community feedback throughout the months in between.

The Green Space Planning Process

Detroit Future City and the EFWCA kick off the planning process with a neighborhood tour in 2019.



Photo Source: Garrett MacLean

In March 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the timeline for this project shifted. DFC requested and received an extension from the Americana Foundation to extend this initiative through the end of 2020 and adapted the monthly committee meetings to virtual meetings. Getting the same levels of public engagement was challenging in the neighborhood for several reasons. Interest in continuing to engage in a green space planning project waned as more immediate health and economic concerns arose. Compounding that, uneven digital access prevented effective online engagement and, apart from an email listserv, there were no previous digital methods of communication between EFWCA and the larger community.

DFC and EFWCA agreed that it was important to acknowledge not being able to reach the community engagement goals within the timeframe of the project due to limitations created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Rather than drawing conclusions from reduced feedback, this plan offers only limited conclusions, but provides the raw data from the in-person community workshop in December 2019, feedback from the in-person February 2020 meeting, and the public feedback from neighborhood canvassers and in-person and mail-in surveys collected in the spring of 2020.

Identifying Priorities

Throughout the initiative, Detroit Future City led, managed, and facilitated a visioning process to identify neighborhood priorities as it related to vacant land ownership; existing, planned, and future green space projects; landscape design standards; and future neighborhood development. The East Ferry Warren Community Association was responsible for the community engagement that included, but was not limited to, neighborhood canvassing and surveying, and distributing flyers ahead of public meetings.

With these priorities, four goals were identified at the beginning of this planning project:

1: Increase community dialogue, coordination, and engagement around green space planning and implementation.

2: Identify needs, opportunities, and build capacity around green space project implementation.

3: Develop a neighborhood green space strategy plan and connect and enhance green space projects.

4: Create a custom landscape design for a prioritized community green space.

With shifting plans due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the fourth goal was postponed until later in 2021, when project input can be safely gathered from neighbors.

DEFINING GREEN SPACE

For the purposes of this project, we define green space as an area of grass, trees, or other vegetation reserved and maintained for recreational or aesthetic purposes in an otherwise urban environment. Although green spaces can take many forms, a number of the common green spaces discussed throughout this planning initiative were playgrounds, forest patches and arboretums, parks or other community gathering and event spaces, meadows, tree nurseries, market gardens and farms, and community gardens.

Example: Outdoor Community Gathering Space

Taking many forms, this is one example of an outdoor community gathering or event space, a green space typology considered during this project.



Photo Source: Staircase Designs Blogspot

Example: Arboretum

Another green space typology discussed during this project was an arboretum, with an example from Seattle shown here.



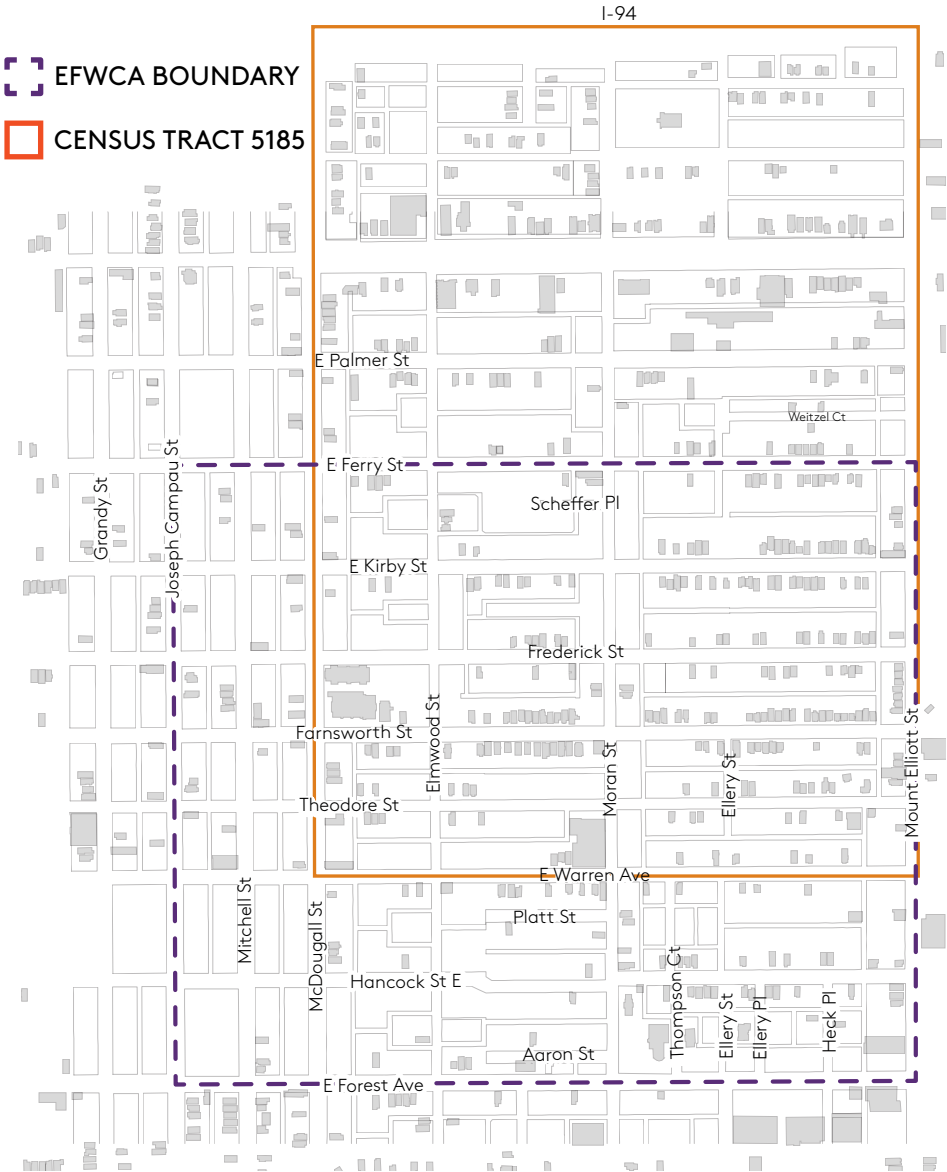
Photo Credit: Greg Vaughn

THE EAST FERRY WARREN NEIGHBORHOOD

NEIGHBORHOOD DEMOGRAPHICS

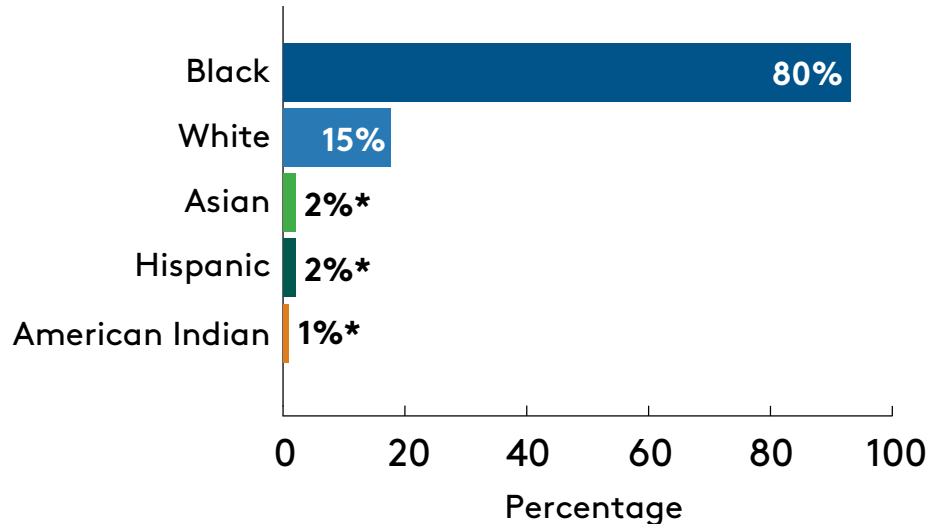
The East Ferry Warren Community Association’s boundaries most closely align with Census Tract 5185, bounded by Warren, Mount Elliott, I-94, and McDougall. To better understand the demographics and challenges surrounding neighborhood land ownership, DFC looked to the available data from Census Tract 5185, half of which overlaps with the neighborhood association's boundaries.

Boundary lines of the
EFWCA and Census
Tract 5185



Approximately 924 people reside within Census Tract 5185, and at 80%, the census tract is predominately Black. White residents make up just 15% of the neighborhood.

Race and Ethnicity of
Census Tract 5185

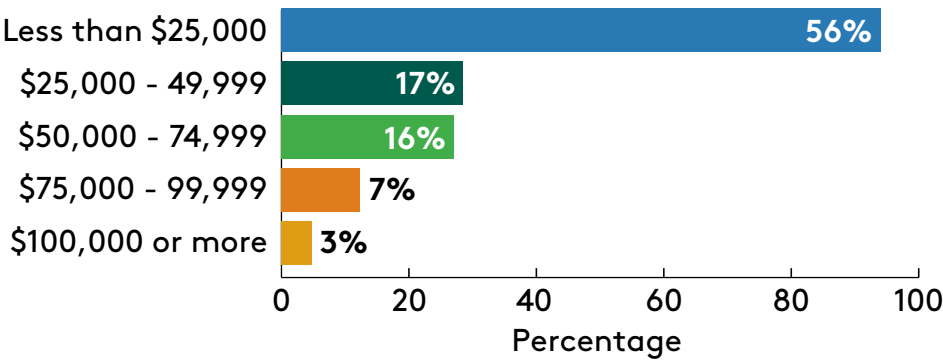


*The margin of error for the estimate includes 0.

Source: American Community Survey (ACS), 2018

The median income of Census Tract 5185 is \$22,337, with 36% of the population living below the federal poverty line. The low income of the East Ferry Warren neighborhood helps to explain the shared struggles of many residents in purchasing land within their neighborhood.

Income of Census
Tract 5185

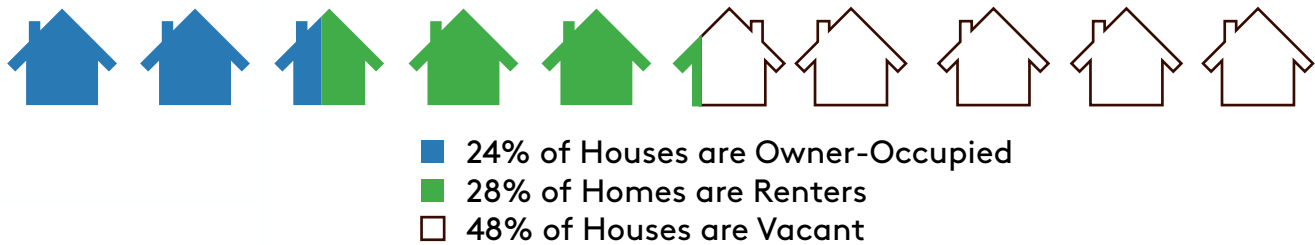


Source: American Community Survey (ACS), 2018

NEIGHBORHOOD LAND OWNERSHIP

Within Census Tract 5185, the American Community Survey data reports 351 occupied households, with a 48% vacancy rate among structures. Of the 351 occupied households, 24% are owner-occupied and 28% are renter-occupied.

Census Tract 5185 Occupied and Vacant Houses



Source: American Community Survey (ACS), 2018

Public vs. private parcel ownership within the EFWCA boundary

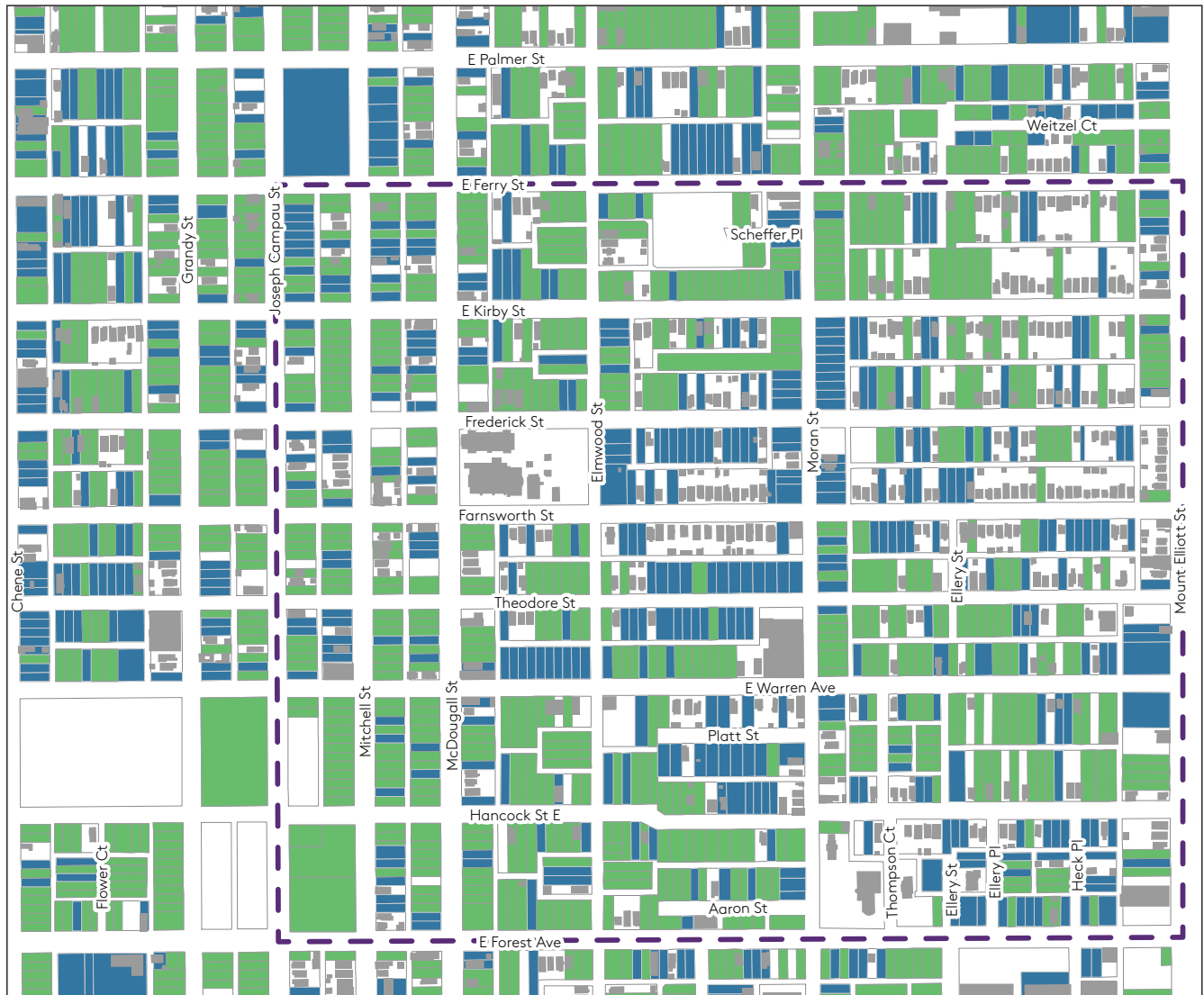
Significantly for this green space planning project, of the 119 acres within the boundary lines of the EFWCA service area, 55 acres are owned by public institutions. The Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA) owns 38% of the total parcels, with Detroit Public Schools owning 4% and the City of Detroit’s Planning and Development Department (PDD) owning another 4%. The remaining 54% of the total parcels are privately owned.

ACRES OWNED IN EFWCA	CITY OF DETROIT - PDD	DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY	DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS	TOTAL PUBLICLY OWNED	TOTAL PRIVATELY OWNED
# of acres	5 acres	45 acres	5 acres	55 acres	64 acres
% of acres	4%	38%	4%	46%	54%

Source: City of Detroit, 2020

East Ferry Warren Neighborhood Vacant Land Ownership Map

Of the vacant parcels in the neighborhood, 64% are publicly owned. This was a major concern and a primary catalyst for the EFWCA to take the initiative to pursue a green space planning project and work towards increasing land ownership amongst neighbors.



VACANT LAND OWNERSHIP

- Public
- Private

EFWCA BOUNDARY

375 750 1,500 Feet
Source: Detroit Future City, City of Detroit, 2019.

NEIGHBORHOOD BACKGROUND

The EFWCA was created in 2018 to bring neighbors together around common goals. The EFWCA quickly began focusing its efforts on concerns around environmental health, nearby development, and land acquisition. Community meetings are held every other month and typically attended by ten to twenty neighbors.

Air quality and environmental health is a major focus of community meetings and neighborhood organizing. One of the nation's largest incinerators operated at the intersection of I-94 and I-75, a few blocks outside of the EFWCA boundaries, for over 30 years. Classified as a major source of air pollution under the Clean Air Act, the incinerator emitted hundreds of tons of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and particulate matter per year, exceeding its air quality standards more than 750 times in the five years before it closed.⁴ Common health impacts from criteria air pollutants include both respiratory health impacts and cardiovascular health impacts. Environmental activists in Detroit and neighbors in the EFWCA succeeded in petitioning and pressuring the city to close the facility, as it permanently closed in March of 2019. Since then, the EFWCA has focused its efforts towards US Ecology South, an 11.5-acre waste treatment plant located down the street at Frederick and St. Aubin. Environmental groups filed a civil rights complaint in July of 2019, urging EGLE to adopt policies to put an end to Michigan's discrimination and neglect in placing and licensing hazardous waste sites, including both the incinerator and US Ecology, in low-income communities of color.

In the last few years, increasing development in and around the EFW neighborhood has concerned neighbors, fearing displacement and increased environmental pollution adversely impacting their health. Eastern Market underwent a planning process for the greater Eastern Market district in 2018 and 2019 to create a Neighborhood Business Innovation Zone and facilitate the area's growth. EFWCA was concerned that some of the development or food production/distribution activities would move into the neighborhood due to the large amount of publicly owned land and would potentially increase environmental health issues with increased vehicle traffic. The community association wanted to begin creating its own neighborhood plan given the adjacent neighborhood planning occurring.

4: Detroit Free Press, "Detroit Renewable Power waste incinerator pollutes. Is DEQ doing enough?" Keith Matheny, Kat Stafford. <https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2018/05/21/detroit-renewable-power-incinerator-pollution-deq/623615002/>, 2018.

Lastly, the EFWCA has been focusing on land acquisition in the neighborhood. Forty six percent of the total parcels in the neighborhood, including vacant lots and lots with structures, is owned by public institutions. Coupling this with rising interest in the neighborhood, speculation has grown, and neighbors have noticed inequitable land acquisition. The DLBA has greatly increased the price for land in the neighborhood in recent years and began to market large bundles of land via its Marketed Properties program. This has led to people who live outside of the neighborhood buying DLBA land and neighbors feeling that they cannot afford to purchase the land in their own neighborhood. The EFWCA has observed the current system for buying public land to be inaccessible and difficult to navigate, disproportionately impacting Black and legacy Detroiters.

Identification of Opportunities + Challenges

The EFWCA has been able to create a neighborhood association with a shared vision and goals and has demonstrated a strong history of caring for the green spaces in its neighborhood. With 46% of the neighborhood still owned by the DLBA, further opportunities exist for vacant land to be transformed into beautiful, productive green spaces. Though these opportunities exist with the amount of publicly owned land, much of that land is too expensive for most neighbors to afford, and large bundles of land have begun to be marketed and sold to developers and people outside the neighborhood. The EFWCA also struggles to maintain consistent engagement amongst neighbors, with community meetings regularly attended by only a small group of residents who do not fully reflect the demographics of the neighborhood, and largely represent a small geographic area within the EFWCA boundary. Through this green space project partnership, the EFWCA wanted to build upon these strengths and opportunities it recognized within its neighborhood and association, while addressing the neighborhood challenges. With this in mind, four goals were identified at the onset of this planning project:

1: Increase community dialogue, coordination, and engagement around green space planning and implementation.

2: Identify needs, opportunities, and build capacity around green space project implementation.

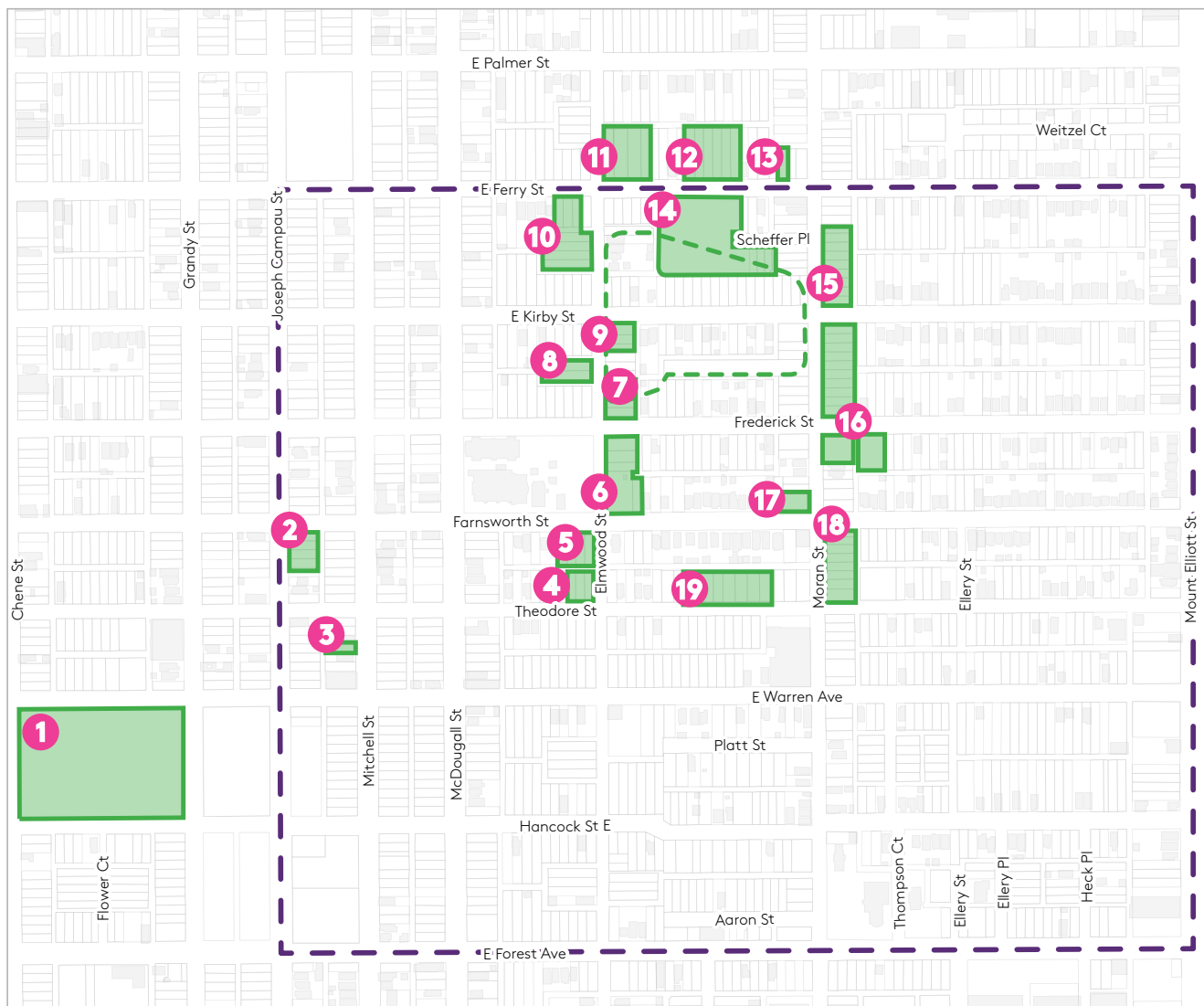
3: Develop a neighborhood green space strategy plan and connect and enhance green space projects.

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Neighborhood Green Space - Existing Projects

EXISTING GREEN SPACE PROJECTS

As of December 2020, the following green spaces existed in the East Ferry Warren Community. This information was compiled into a standalone project directory for neighborhood distribution, with the intent of engaging more neighbors and sharing information that was not previously easily accessible.



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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Perrien Park | 7 Mowed Green Loop | 13 E Ferry Garden |
| 2 Poletown Farms | 8 Arboretum Detroit Treetroit 1 | 14 Callahan Bird Habitat |
| 3 555 Art Park | 9 Field Temple | 15 Fungi Freights |
| 4 Arboretum Detroit Treetroit 2 | 10 Wawyeyawen Planting | 16 Rising Pheasant Farms |
| 5 Arboretum Detroit Tree Nursery | 11 Ferry Street Nursery | 17 Farnsworth Community Garden |
| 6 Sundial Community Garden | 12 Villekulla Flora | 18 Heritage Apple Orchard |
| | | 19 Back 40 |

PROJECT DIRECTORY

PUBLIC GREEN SPACE PROJECTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:



Arboretum Detroit Nursery

ARBORETUM DETROIT NURSERY & TREETROIT 1

Project Description: Arboretum Detroit's mission is to build and maintain an arboretum with locations spanning Detroit, inspiring visitors with the love and stewardship of trees. Currently, there are three locations: Treetroit 1, Treetroit 2, and the Neighborhood Tree Nursery.

Managers: Arboretum Detroit 501(c)3 – Andrew “Birch” Kemp

Location: Treetroit 1: Northeast corner of Elmwood & Frederick, Treetroit 2: Northwest corner of Frederick & Elmwood, Nursery: Southwest corner of Farnsworth & Elmwood

Learn more: www.arbdetroit.org

How to engage: Walk through. Contact Arboretum Detroit if you want to volunteer, or if you live in the neighborhood and want to receive a tree to plant on your property.

Contact: Email Andrew “Birch” Kemp at treetroit@gmail.com.



Back 40

BACK 40

Project Description: Community garden and gathering space since 1993. This community space has neighbors maintaining garden plots, is home to beehives, and has an ice rink in the winter.

Managers: Paul Weertz

Location: North side of Theodore between Moran & Elmwood

How to engage: Walk through. If interested in a garden plot, contact Paul Weertz.

Contact: Email Paul Weertz at paul_weertz@hotmail.com.



Callahan Meadow

CALLAHAN MEADOW/BIRD HABITAT

Project Description: Part of the Detroit Bird City project by Detroit Audubon, Callahan Park is an intentional meadow full of native flowers and grasses open to public. The park provides habitat for birds and pollinators while also providing a beautiful natural area for community members to relax and explore. Detroit Audubon is working on installing a mulch pathway, benches and informational signs. The front posting board shows bird and plant species likely to be seen at the park.

Callahan Meadow will reach its third year of growth in 2021. Native plant meadows take around three years to mature and look their best. For the first three years, the meadow must be mowed to prevent weeds from taking over the area.

Managers: Detroit Audubon, City of Detroit General Services Department

Location: South side of Ferry between Moran & Elmwood

Learn more: www.detroitbirdcity.com or www.detroitaudubon.org/conservation/detroit-bird-city

How to engage: Can be used as a public space. Walk through to enjoy the meadow full of birds and other pollinators.

Contact: Email alandgraf@detroitaudubon.org or call 313-800-1578.



Farnsworth Community Garden

FARNSWORTH COMMUNITY GARDEN

Project Description: Community perennial garden with community pizza oven.

Managers: Sara Weertz and Paul Weertz

Location: Northwest corner of Farnsworth & Moran

How to engage: Can be used as a public space. Attend community meetings and social events held here. Contact EFWCA's listserv if interested in using the pizza oven for a neighborhood event.

Contact: Email efwca.info@gmail.com



Field Temple

FIELD TEMPLE

Project Description: A greenspace intended for meditation, classes, retreats, and training in Buddhist philosophy. Neighbors come together on Sundays to meditate, volunteer at Field Temple or other nearby gardens, and share tea and soup. The green space has walking paths, areas for seating and gathering, and many trees and plants.

Managers: Sarah Addae Pizzimenti, Field Temple 501(c)3

Location: East side of Elmwood between Kirby & Frederick

How to engage: Walk through or join Field Temple's Sunday meditations at 10 AM.



Perrien Park

PERRIEN PARK

Project Description: 4-plus-acre City park with walking paths and a gazebo. Proposed "gateway park" to transfer Detroit Land Bank Authority vacant lots or blighted homes to Detroit Parks & Recreation Department ownership, to create additional gateways into the park.

Managers: City of Detroit General Services Department

Location: Entire block between Chene & Grandy, Hancock & E. Warren

How to engage: Can be used as a public space.



Wawyeyawen Planting

WAWYEWAWEN PLANTING

Project Description: Planted on Earth Day 2020, the Wawyeyawen (meaning "Circle" in the Potawatomi language) planting is a community project dedicated to the Potawatomi people of Southeast Michigan.

Owner: Amos Kennedy

Location: 5360 Elmwood

Learn More: Email Andrew "Birch" Kemp at treetroit@gmail.com

How to engage: Walk through or rest and enjoy this community space.



555 Art Park

555 ART PARK

Project Description: In development, the park aims to be commercial and event space for the community and an outdoor space for events and public art displays.

Owner: 555 Nonprofit Gallery & Studios

Location: 5021 Mitchell

Contact: www.555arts.org/contact-us

OTHER GREEN SPACE PROJECTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

BLACK DOG FARM

Description: Market garden growing fruit and vegetables, selling produce to local restaurants and neighborhood markets.

Owner: Robbie Moore

Location: North side of Ferry between Moran & Elmwood

Contact: Email robbsbiemoore@gmail.com, call 248-921-0455, or stop by while Robbie is out in the garden.



Black Dog Farm

EAST FERRY GARDEN

Description: A private raised-bed vegetable and herb garden.

Owner: Monica Breen

Location: The north side of E. Ferry between Moran and Elmwood

Contact: Email moniebird@me.com



**Farnsworth Heirloom
Apple Orchard**

FARNSWORTH HEIRLOOM APPLE ORCHARD

Description: In 2013, Laura Burmann researched 386 varieties of heirloom apple trees and purchased 14 different varieties for cider, pies, and eating. The trees came from an heirloom orchard in Appalachia, and about 50 trees were planted into these lots with the help of many community members and youth. This is a pesticide-free, naturally grown orchard maintained by founder Ron Shelton, Paul Weertz, and many supporting community members.

Owner: Laura Burmann, Ron Shelton, and Paul Weertz

Location: East block of Moran between Theodore & Farnsworth

Contact: Email Ron Shelton at mechanicalron@gmail.com or call 586-596-6446.

FERRY STREET NURSERY

Description: Purchased as a land bundle from the DLBA in 2020, the Ferry Street Nursery Project is an all-native plant nursery currently under construction with active sales beginning in late spring 2021. In addition to growing native flowers, trees, and shrubs, the nursery grounds will feature demonstration gardens, a wildflower prairie, a pavilion for outdoor events, and a picnic space for the residents of the block and surrounding area.

The space is being designed to be a welcoming spot for the community to visit and to host children's educational events, gardening workshops, and more.

Owner: Jessica Souliere, a locally based garden designer and owner of Potager Garden Design, LLC.

Location: Corner of Ferry & Elmwood

Learn more: Website and nursery-specific contact information will be launched in early 2021.

How to engage: Wander through the currently mowed woodland path. More formal walking paths will be introduced with signs identifying native species over time. Nursery sales will begin in 2021.

Contact: Email Jessica Souliere at jessica@potagerdetroit.com or call 734-645-9937.

FUNGI FREIGHTS

Description: Purchased as a land bundle from the DLBA in 2020, Fungi Freights is an “urban lab & studio space” offering education on sustainable mushroom growing. Fungi Freights plans to create a citizen science-based laboratory and to offer workshops and events revolving around the natural sciences.

Owner: Tess Burzynski

Location: Corner of Kirby & Moran

Learn more: www.fungifreights.net

Contact: Tess Burzynski at fungifreights@gmail.com, or call 586-329-9239.

POLETOWN FARMS

Description: Currently in the planning phase, Poletown Farms aims to transform 15 lots into a flower farm that promotes environmentalism and awareness of local ecosystems. Poletown Farms is a no-fence farm organized around the principles of inclusion, learning, and admiration.

Owner: Tim Nutt, Adam Verville, Sean Hurley

Location: Intersection of Farnsworth & Grandy

How to engage: Planting will start in the spring of 2021. If you are interested in collaborating or helping with the planning, please email Tim Nutt to get involved.

Contact: Tim Nutt at tim@sutros.com.



Rising Pheasant Farms

RISING PHEASANT FARMS

Description: A naturally-grown produce farm business since 2009, selling fresh fruits and vegetables at Eastern Market weekly.

Owner: Carolyn Leadley & Jack VanDyke

Location: East corner of Frederick & Moran

Learn more: www.facebook.com/risingpheasantfarms.

Contact: Email risingpheasant@gmail.com or call 313-447-1522.



Sundial Community Garden

SUNDIAL COMMUNITY GARDEN

Description: A ten-member organic garden on a half-acre, this garden operates as a work-for-food style Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm.

Owner: Andrew “Birch” and Kinga Kemp

Location: 3327 Farnsworth

How to engage: If you’re interested in joining this CSA, contact the Kems at treetroit@gmail.com.



Villekulla Flora

VILLEKULLA FLORA

Description: Cut flower farm offering weekly flower bouquet subscriptions and flower and herb transplants. Villeukulla Flora owns and operates half an acre growing flowers and herbs.

Owner: Ollie Dodt (they/them)

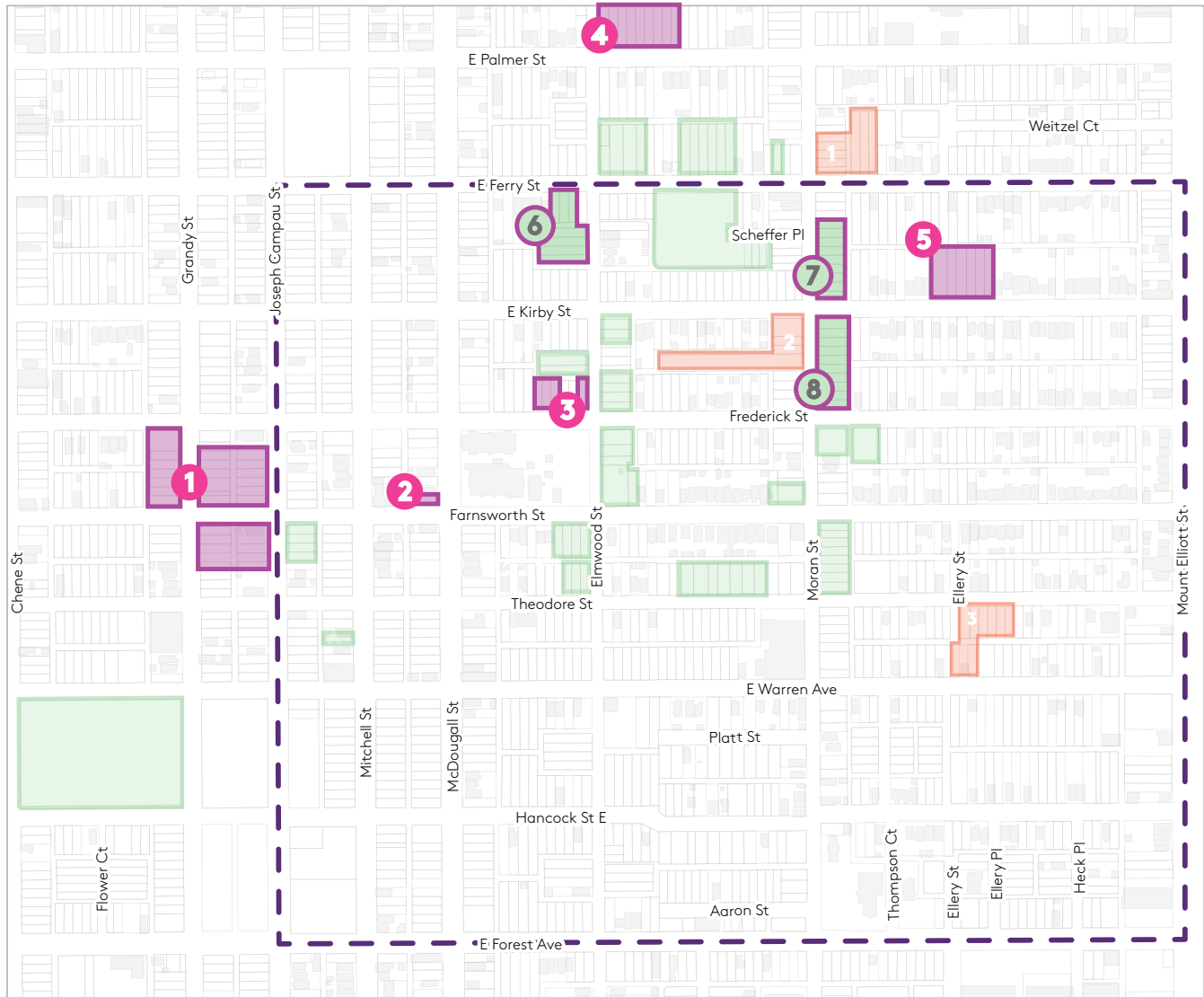
Location: Northeast corner of Ferry & Elmwood

Learn more: www.villekullaflora.com. Open farm every Tuesday 4-7pm starting in 2021. Follow on Facebook or Instagram @villekulla_flora for special events and workshops happening on the farm.

Contact: Email Ollie Dodt at villekulla.flora@gmail.com

Neighborhood Green Space - Planned Projects

In addition to these existing and new green space projects, a number of additional projects are planned, and are either in construction or expansion phases. The following map shows planned green space projects in the neighborhood.



EXISTING GREEN SPACE PROJECTS

PLANNED GREEN SPACE PROJECTS

- 1 Poletown Farms
- 2 Memorial Garden
- 3 Field Temple Expansion
- 4 Arboretum Detroit Site
- 5 Kirby Seniors' Garden

GREEN SPACE PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION

- 6 Ferry Street Nursery
- 7 Fungi Freights
- 8 Rising Pheasant Expansion

DLBA LAND-BASED PROJECTS MARKETING BUNDLES

- 1 5500-5524 Moran
- 2 5329-5361 Moran
- 3 3603 E Warren Homestead + 3587, 3609 E Warren and 3600, 3606, 3614, 3622, 3624, 3630 Theodore

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THE GREEN SPACE VISIONING PROCESS

METHODOLOGY

Detroit Future City and the East Ferry Warren Community Association began this project with a neighborhood green space walking tour in September 2019. The residents led DFC throughout the neighborhood, visiting several long-standing green space projects and showcasing a handful of projects that had just been completed or were in the final stages of install. Throughout this tour, a neighborhood photographer captured scenes at each site.

Neighborhood Green Space Tour

DFC and EFWCA tour the East Ferry Warren Neighborhood in September 2019.



Photo Credit: Garrett MacLean

Throughout the 16-month planning process, DFC and the EFWCA Green Space Planning Committee met monthly, not including the months of December 2019 and February 2020, when there were public workshops, nor in January 2020 as DFC processed and prepared the December workshop results for the public February workshop. The public workshops were held in Israel of God's Church at 3533 E. Forest Ave., while the committee meetings were held in rotating locations in the neighborhood and virtually beginning in March 2020. The community association distributed flyers to every household within

the boundary lines of the EFWCA ahead of each public workshop. The monthly meetings with the Green Space Planning Committee, an informal group of interested EFWCA members, discussed updates in the neighborhood regarding new green space plans, reports from canvassers tasked with surveying neighbors and distributing flyers, conversations with neighbors, planning for public meetings, and updates from the DLBA. In 2019 and early 2020, members on the EFWCA listserv were emailed ahead of each Green Space Planning Committee meeting. As meetings shifted online in March 2020 to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance at the public and the monthly committee meetings dropped. For the remainder of the green space planning process, committee meeting attendance reduced to a recurring three to four members of EFWCA and three DFC staff.

In December 2019, DFC led a green space visioning workshop in the style of a planning and design charrette. With 22 participants at the December workshop, DFC discussed goals of the project and the progress made, facilitated a workshop around green space typologies, and with the community's input, identified shared visions for the future of green spaces in the neighborhood.

In February 2020, DFC presented the findings from the workshop in another public meeting with 32 residents and neighborhood stakeholders. This meeting also allowed feedback from residents on design and maintenance standards for existing and proposed green space projects. DFC continued to welcome feedback on these

TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY'S GREEN SPACE PRIORITIES, THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED:

- What do you enjoy about your community and its outdoor spaces?
- What are your priorities for neighborhood green spaces?
- When you spend time outdoors, where do you go, and what do you enjoy about those places?
- What are your concerns or challenges regarding current or future green space projects?
- What type of new projects would you like to see (or see more of) in the neighborhood?

DESIGN CHARRETTE:

A workshop during which participants collaborate to explore and share a broad diversity of planning and design ideas.

standards in the neighborhood surveys that were distributed in the spring. The EFWCA and DFC invited the DLBA to attend the February meeting. At the meeting, the DLBA presented on its vacant land acquisition process, addressing the Side Lot Program as well as the process for acquiring non-side lot vacant lots. The EFWCA also invited a new neighborhood stakeholder to the meeting to briefly share with the community the green space project she was bringing to the community. Tess Burzynski, the owner of Fungi Freights, purchased the first marketed land-based project bundle from the DLBA to expand her green space business in Detroit.

After the COVID-19 pandemic began, the committee decided to survey residents to gather data on green space in the neighborhood. Surveys were either completed in person with the neighbor and canvasser or dropped off and returned by mail.

In October 2020, DFC and the EFWCA hosted the final public meeting via Zoom. In addition to using a phone tree and email listserv to notify residents, flyers were printed and distributed in the week leading up to the meeting. Fifteen neighborhood residents and stakeholders participated in the meeting. At this meeting, DFC presented the results from the two public workshops and the survey, using maps to illustrate the green space projects and priorities of the community. Neighbors and stakeholders also had an opportunity to share news on green space projects that are planned and/or being installed in the community. Arboretum Detroit, Field Temple, Ferry Street Nursery, Callahan Meadow, and Kirby Seniors Garden gave updates.

RESULTS + OUTCOMES

Detroit Future City gathered data in the neighborhood through the two public workshops and the neighborhood survey in spring 2020. Survey data was collected both via neighborhood canvassers going from home to home talking to residents, and through leaving postage-paid surveys for residents to return to Detroit Future City via mail.

In general, the polled residents of the East Ferry Warren neighborhood are supportive of the green spaces, both in and outside their community. In response to the question “What do you enjoy about your community and its outdoor space?”, residents responded with: places to gather, celebrate and play together; birds and wildlife; food production; quiet outdoor spaces; low to no commercial traffic; and

December Workshop

Community members place stickers and sticky notes expressing their neighborhood green space preferences and concerns.



Community members identify where in the neighborhood they live, using stickers and a map provided.



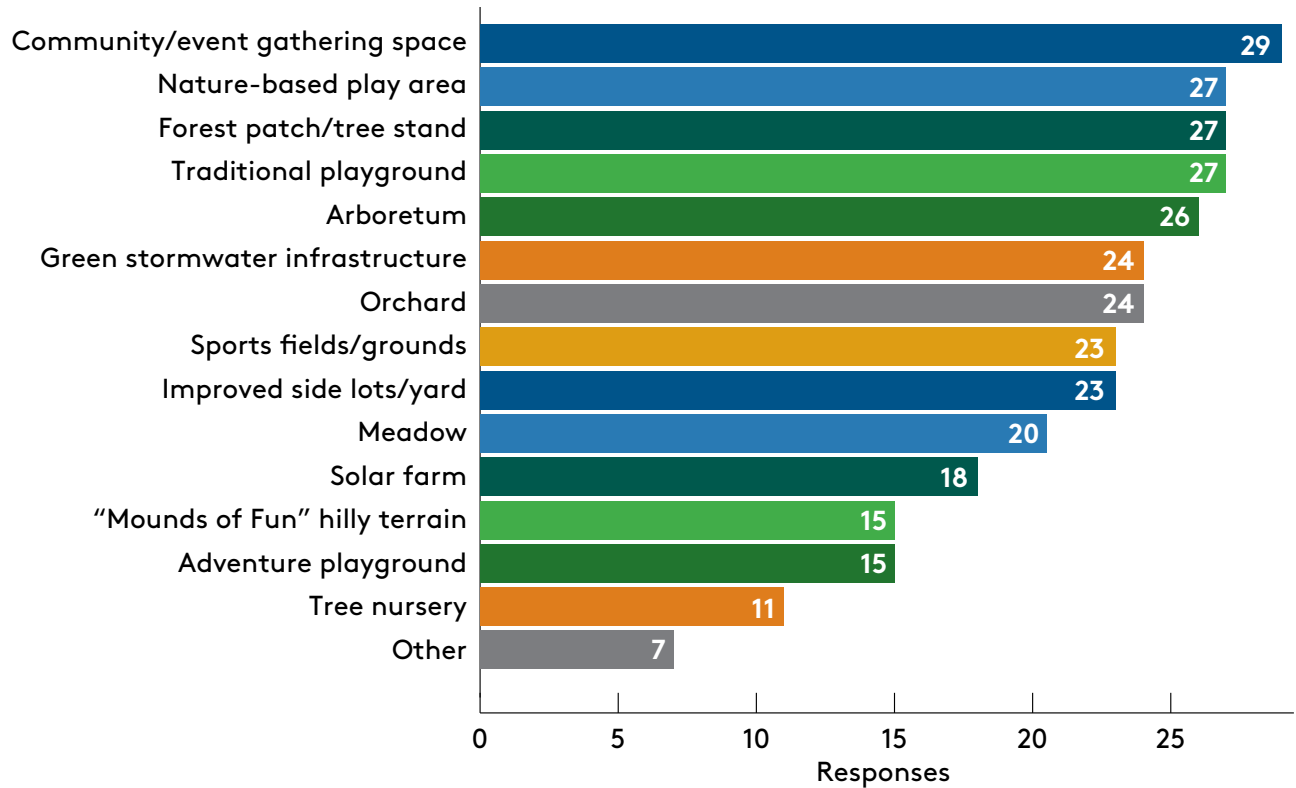
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forests and native trees. And although there is low familiarity, with less than 25% of respondents being familiar – by name and image – with the existing green spaces, and with some spaces being familiar to less than 5% of respondents, they are generally viewed positively.

In addition to questions regarding EFW neighborhood green spaces, participants were also asked two questions about spending time outdoors in general, and outdoor recreational opportunities they enjoy. In response to the question “When you spend time outdoors, where do you go, and what do you enjoy about those places?” several residents responded with: Belle Isle, the neighborhood, forests, and gardens. When outdoors, they enjoy wild open spaces; plants and beauty; friends; nature and quiet; and activities such as walking, biking, running, and hiking.

Despite low familiarity with nearby green spaces, workshop and survey participants are receptive of additional green space opportunities in their neighborhood, having ranked preferred green space types.

Residents' answers to "What type of green space projects would you like to see (or see more of) in your community?"



December 2019 Workshop Visioning Exercise

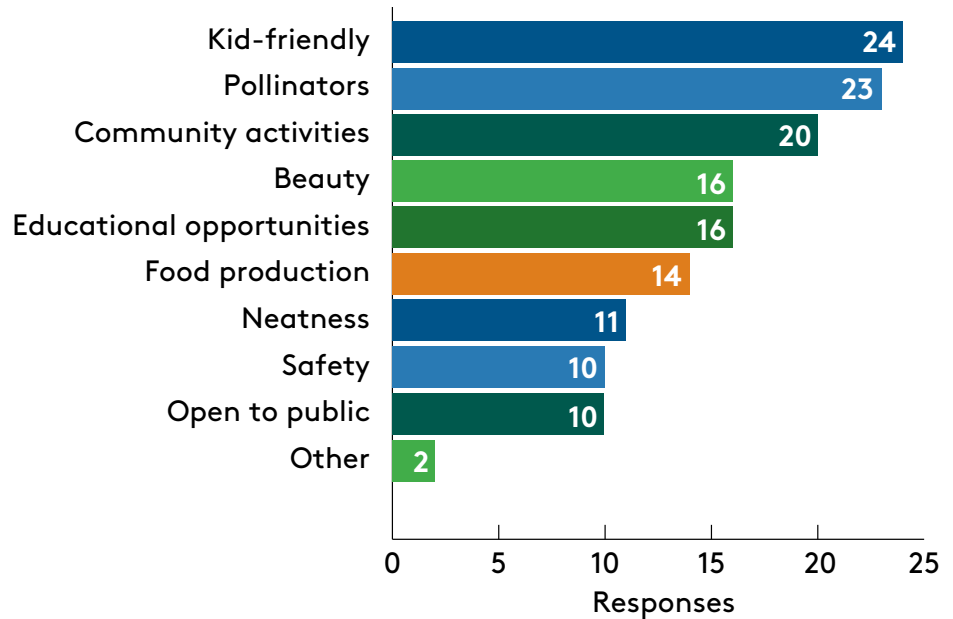
Community members use sticky notes to share their favorite outdoor spaces and activities.



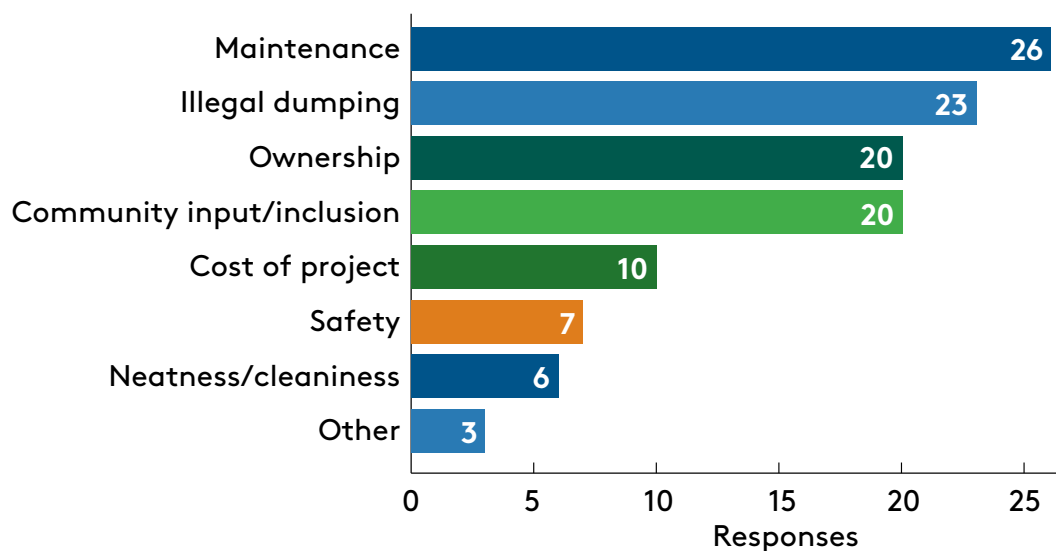
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Questions addressing priorities and concerns of existing and new green spaces were asked during both the workshops and the survey. Participants were offered prompts for the question "What are your priorities for neighborhood green spaces?" but were not offered prompts for the following question "What are your concerns about green space projects in the neighborhood?" to encourage residents to express real concerns.

Residents' answers to "What are your priorities for neighborhood green spaces?"



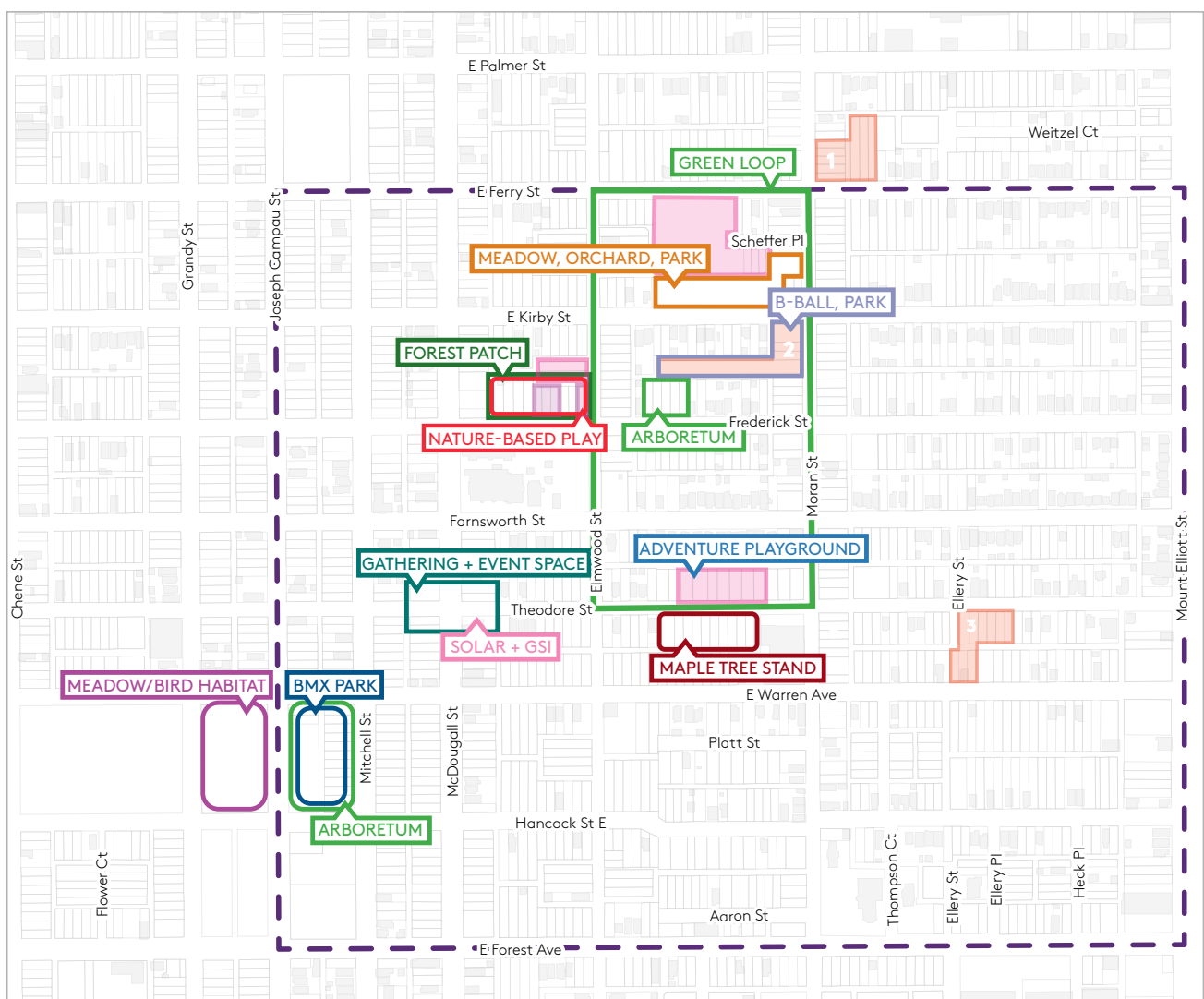
Residents' answers to "What are your concerns about green space projects in the neighborhood?"



Although participants in the December workshop were given only three stickers to rank their green space priorities, survey respondents were not limited in their answers.

Neighborhood Green Space - Future Project Ideas Part 1

Following the previous questions, participants were then asked to use a provided map to illustrate where they would like new green spaces. Though the level of input DFC and EFWCA hoped for pre-COVID-19 was not reached, several green space types were identified by residents as spaces they'd like to see in the community in the future. The following maps were refined to show the popular types and locations for future green spaces among participants, with the raw visual data from both the December workshop and the surveys in the appendix.

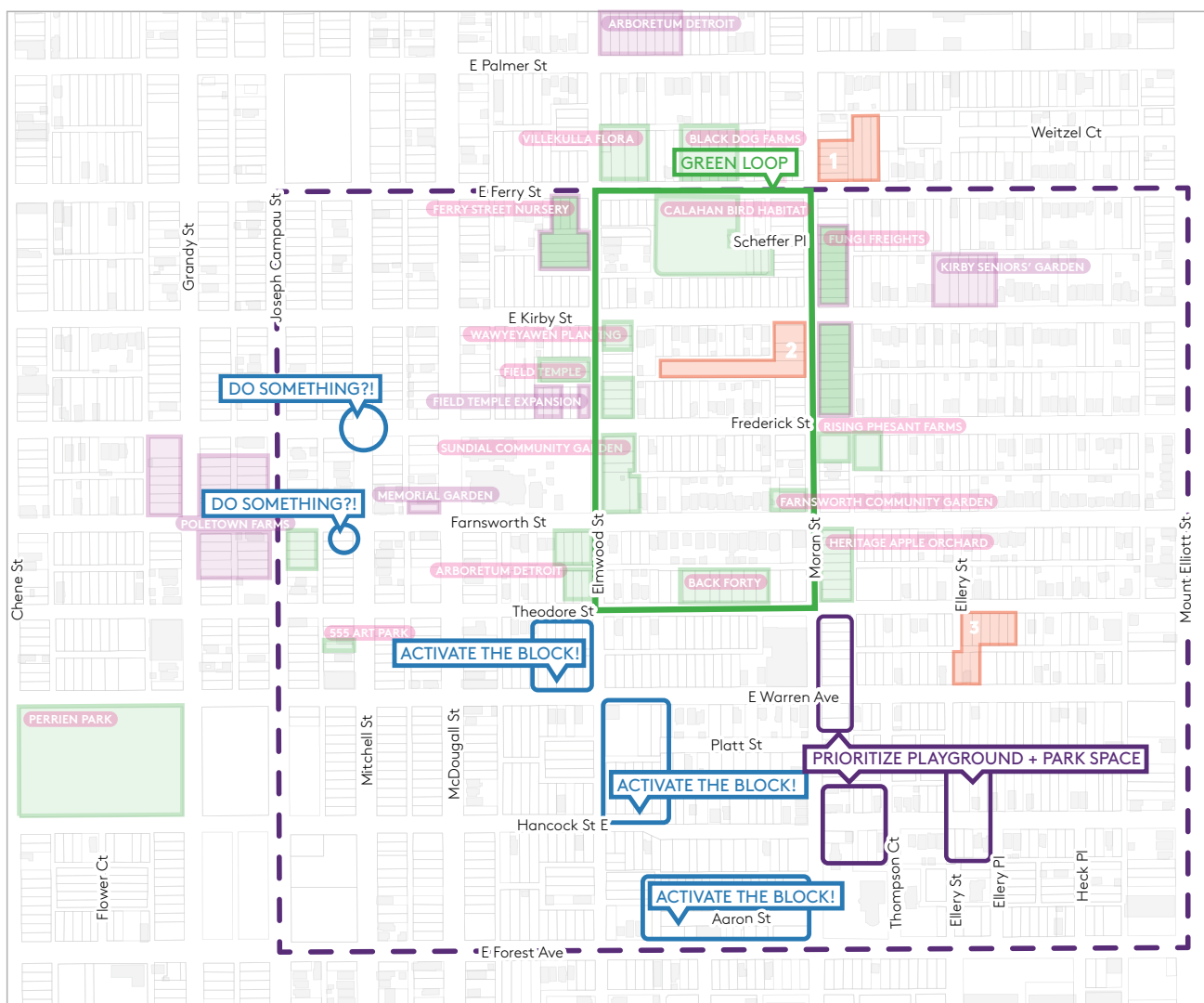


OVERLAPPING EXISTING GREEN SPACE PROJECTS

DLBA LAND-BASED PROJECTS MARKETING BUNDLES

- 1 5500-5524 Moran
- 2 5329-5361 Moran
- 3 3603 E Warren Homestead + 3587, 3609 E Warren and 3600, 3606, 3614, 3622, 3624, 3630 Theodore

Neighborhood Green Space - Future Project Ideas Part 2



December 2018 Workshop Visioning Exercise

Community members use green space typology cards to identify where in the neighborhood they would like to see different types of green spaces.



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Maintenance and Design Standards

In the February workshop, DFC began to discuss maintenance concerns and design standards with the residents. From this initial conversation, it was clear that maintenance and design standards fluctuated greatly amongst residents. Though, many owners of green space projects were more open to a range of maintenance levels, residents who didn't own or regularly use green spaces preferred more clearly defined and well-cared for properties. This conversation led to DFC incorporating maintenance and design standards into the spring 2020 survey questions.

"These are pictures of a meadow, which has flowers and grasses for attracting birds and butterflies. What do you like or dislike about the pictures? Which do you think are acceptable or unacceptable in your neighborhood? Why?"

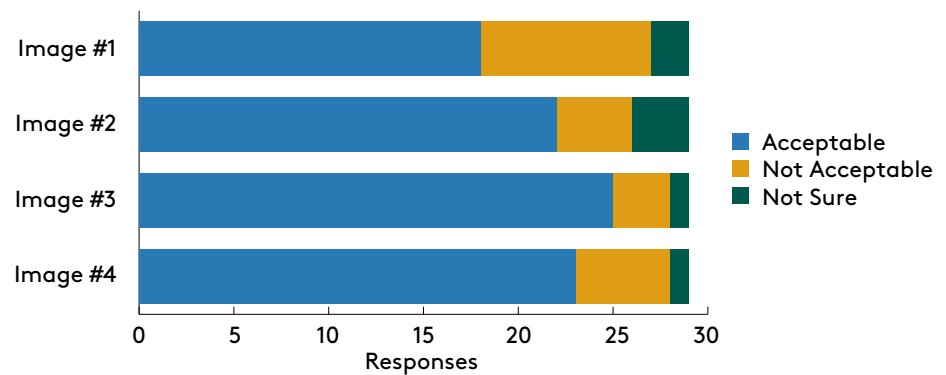


Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



Image 4

"These are pictures of a forested lot with trees. What do you like or dislike about the pictures? Which do you think are acceptable or unacceptable in your neighborhood? Why?"

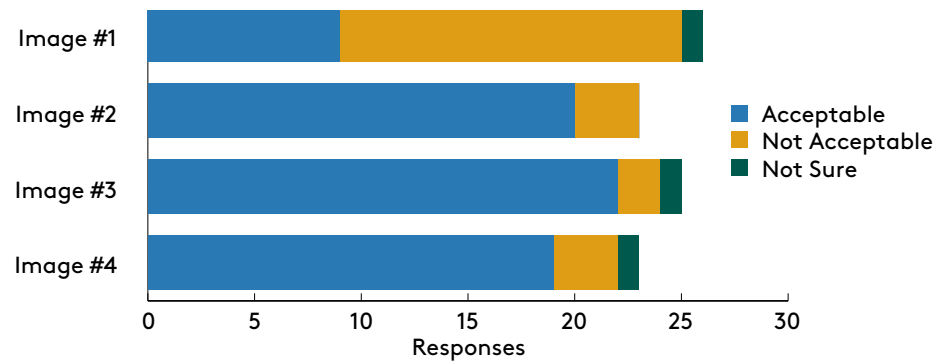


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Image 4

"These are pictures of community spaces used to grow food. What do you like or dislike about the pictures? Which do you think are acceptable or unacceptable in your neighborhood? Why?"

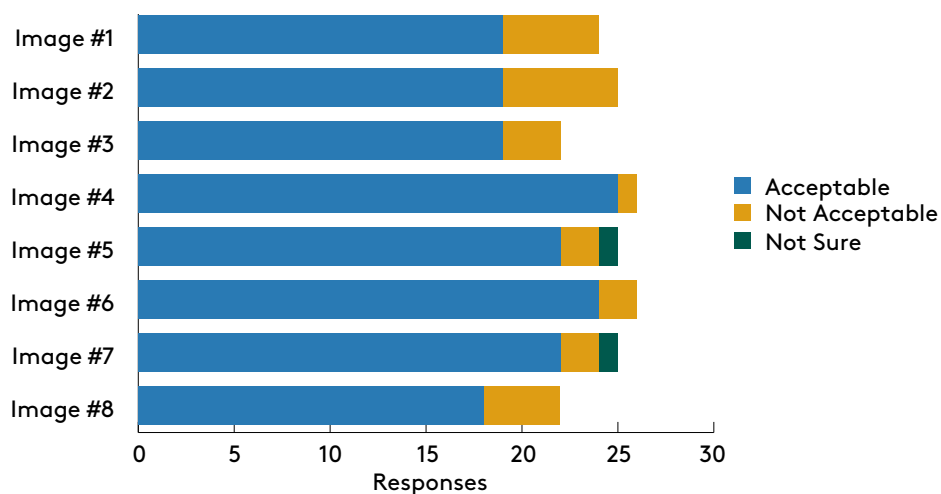


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Image 7



Image 8

"This question is about how to take care of the edge of your property. What do you like or dislike about the pictures? Which do you think are acceptable or unacceptable in your neighborhood? Why?"

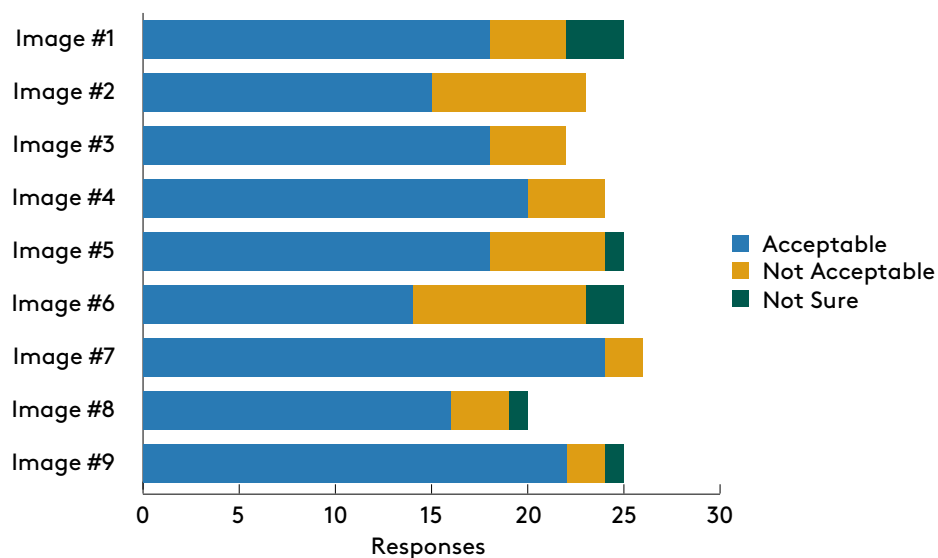


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Image 8



Image 9

SIDE LOT PROGRAM:

"Side Lots are an ongoing vacant land sales program offered by the DLBA since 2014. Side Lots are vacant lots adjacent to the applicant's occupied property on the left side, right side, rear or diagonally behind (even across an alley, but not across the street). Side Lots will be sold for \$100."

-Detroit Land Bank Authority

Side Lots Program Assistance

Through existing relationships, DFC was able to foster increased communication between the DLBA and EFWCA, in order for the neighborhood to both express concerns over affordability and accessibility, and also to be kept in touch when new bundles of land were made available to purchase from the DLBA.

One of the outcomes of this project came from identifying a way to make it easier for eligible neighborhood residents to purchase their adjacent DLBA-owned side lot. By identifying the lack of resident capacity to purchase vacant lots for sale by the DLBA and creating a neighborhood-based solution, the EFWCA addressed two of the original project goals:

- Increase community dialogue, coordination, and engagement around green space planning and implementation.
- Identify needs, opportunities, and build capacity around green space project implementation.

An EFWCA Green Space Planning committee member began approaching residents that lived adjacent to a DLBA-owned side lot and asked whether they knew about the side lot and were interested in purchasing it. Once she made initial contact with the resident, she offered to help them purchase the side lot if they needed technical assistance.

With a map of side lots for sale in the East Ferry Warren neighborhood, and directions for purchasing, the committee member was able to reach out to several residents and helped a few to purchase a side lot.

DLBA Side Lots for Sale

Accessible on the DLBA website, viewers can see where vacant lots are available to purchase for \$100 as part of the DLBA's Side Lot Program.



RECOMMENDATIONS

Using the information gathered from surveys, workshops, and conversations over the course of this 16-month green space planning project, Detroit Future City has offered the following recommendations. The recommendations are divided into three sections:

1: Recommendations to increase familiarity of green spaces and foster the neighborhood green space vision.

2: Recommendations to increase engagement within the neighborhood.

3: Recommendations to increase the organizational capacity and presence of the EFWCA.

RECOMMENDATION 1: Increase familiarity of green spaces and foster the neighborhood green space vision.

Recommendation 1.1: The EFWCA board should create and implement a plan to use remaining grant funds to support existing or future neighborhood green space projects.

As part of the Americana Foundation grant agreement, a portion of the grant funds were allocated to EFWCA for community engagement expenses throughout the planning project. As planned expenses changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a significant portion of the funds remain. It is DFC's recommendation that these funds be directed towards increasing the capacity of the EFWCA to support neighborhood projects.

Recommendation 1.2: The EFWCA should dedicate time at each community meeting for green space project updates, planning, and discussion.

Incorporating time to discuss neighborhood green space updates will further elevate and legitimize the green space goals for the East Ferry Warren neighborhood.

Recommendation 1.3: The EFWCA should distribute the East Ferry Warren Neighborhood Green Space Project Directory

Created by Detroit Future City, the EFWCA should distribute printed copies throughout the neighborhood, prioritizing residents who participated in the green space visioning process. Project directories should be available for interested residents at EFWCA public meetings and community events.

Recommendation 1.4: The EFWCA should develop a process to support neighborhood residents with acquiring vacant land and planning and developing green space projects.

Demonstrated since the first public workshop in December 2019, many long-term neighborhood residents have ideas and ambitions to create green space projects in their community but lack the resources and capacity to realize these ideas. This presents a significant opportunity for EFWCA to assist residents in developing plans and submitting land acquisition proposals to the DLBA. Assisting eligible homeowners with purchasing available side lots from DLBA is another form of support needed that the EFWCA can provide.

Recommendation 1.5: The EFWCA should develop signage for each community green space project.

In general, there was a low level of familiarity with existing green space projects amongst neighbors. Improving and adding signs throughout the neighborhood would help increase recognition amongst neighbors. Uniform signs would add additional legitimacy to both the EFWCA and the green spaces and provide an opportunity to communicate whether the green space is intended for the public and how residents can interact with the space. Signage could be installed in stages, with simple signs created while funds for uniform higher quality signs are raised. This is one potential use of the remaining community engagement funds EFWCA received for this planning project.

Recommendation 1.6: The EFWCA should provide support to residents and community organizations interested in implementing green space projects.

In providing this support, the EFWCA should prioritize the spaces identified by the neighborhood as preferred locations and illustrated in the future green space ideas maps.

RECOMMENDATION 2: Increase engagement within the neighborhood.

Recommendation 2.1: The EFWCA should create an internal database with neighborhood contact information acquired during the green space planning project.

To maintain strong community engagement, it will be important moving forward that the EFWCA continues to interact with the neighbors that participated in the green space visioning process. Equally important, the EFWCA should continue to add to the database as it connects with new neighbors interested in community green spaces and vacant land ownership.

Recommendation 2.2: The EFWCA should commit to updating neighbors regularly on association agenda items.

Through the creation of a website and/or Facebook page, the EFWCA should provide regular updates, touch points, and opportunities for engagement to the community. In addition to engaging virtually, quarterly neighborhood flyers with updates and notices of upcoming meetings and events are recommended.

Recommendation 2.3: The EFWCA should update neighbors regularly on new DLBA policies and other planning and development news.

In addition, the EFWCA should create a strategy for informing EFWCA community residents when new DLBA land-based project bundles are listed on its Marketed Properties site.

Recommendation 2.4: The EFWCA should engage new neighborhood residents as they join the community.

As a responsibility of a community association, the EFWCA should be inclusive towards all residents, both new and old, and communicative about the neighborhood's green space vision and association events. In welcoming new neighbors, the EFWCA opens an important line of communication for future conversations and potentially includes more residents in building towards a shared neighborhood vision.

Recommendation 2.5: The EFWCA should create an open forum for feedback and discussion on green space projects and other community matters.

As important as communicating EFWCA matters regularly with residents is, it is similarly important to provide a method for receiving feedback from residents that may not be able or interested in attending EFWCA community meetings. Providing for two-way communication can help address resident concerns and questions by creating an inclusive atmosphere, potentially fostering increased acceptance and patience towards neighborhood projects and leading to a truly shared vision for the community.

RECOMMENDATION 3: Increase the organizational capacity and presence of the EFWCA.

Recommendation 3.1: The EFWCA should become an official 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation.

To increase organizational capacity, EFWCA should apply to become a charitable nonprofit organization. This will allow the association to become a community partner with the DLBA, create more public awareness of the organization, and take greater advantage of potential funding opportunities.

Recommendation 3.2: The EFWCA should become a DLBA Community Partner.

To strengthen the relationship with the DLBA and receive discounted prices on vacant land, after becoming a nonprofit, the EFWCA should apply to be a DLBA Community Partner.

Recommendation 3.3: The EFWCA should share the association's constitution with the Detroit Land Bank Authority and City of Detroit.

In sharing its constitution, with the association's mission statement, shared values, and vision, the EFWCA can take a step to position itself as an organized and official body representing the East Ferry Warren Community.

Recommendation 3.4: The EFWCA should connect with the District 5 Manager to join the City of Detroit’s Department of Neighborhoods website as a neighborhood organization.

Fostering a strong relationship with the District 5 office will help increase awareness of the EFWCA and subsequent opportunities for partnerships with the City of Detroit.

Recommendation 3.5: The EFWCA should become an endorser for the DLBA’s new Neighborhood Lots Program.

The DLBA’s new Neighborhood Lots program will substantially increase the vacant land available for purchase in the East Ferry Warren neighborhood. Because a neighborhood endorsement is required of homeowners wishing to purchase a neighborhood lot, the EFWCA can expedite the process for land acquisition among neighbors by becoming an official endorser for the program, helping to increase private vacant land ownership.

CONCLUSION

Detroit Future City, the East Ferry Warren Community Association, and other East Ferry Warren community-based organizations are committed to continuing to partner together. Throughout this planning process, new relationships were built and existing partnerships were strengthened. The shared commitment to sustainability, economic equity, and vacant land transformation in Detroit between DFC and the East Ferry Warren neighborhood is common ground that offers the possibility of further collaboration in the future.

The East Ferry Warren neighborhood has demonstrated commitment to creating great green space projects that enhance Detroit's landscape. Having taken the initiative to embark on this green space planning project with DFC, the EFWCA has taken an important step toward creating a shared green space and land use vision in the neighborhood.

Discovered throughout this planning project, engaged residents held overwhelmingly positive opinions towards green spaces in general, and are proud to have similar spaces existing within their neighborhood. Despite low familiarity with many of these projects beforehand, neighbors want to see them succeed, utilized, and improved upon. Implementing the recommendations laid out in this report would increase awareness and acceptance of neighborhood green spaces and further provide the EFWCA with increased capacity, resources, and abilities to make an even greater impact in creating equitable land ownership, and a truly shared vision for the future.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX A: GREEN SPACE TYPOLOGY CARD DECK™

These green space typology cards were used in combination with T-pins and a foam core-mounted map at the December 2019 workshop. Participants placed the cards at locations on the map where they wanted to see the corresponding green space in the future.

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

arboretum



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

adventure playground



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

community garden



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

community gathering + event space



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

cut flower farm



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

green stormwater infrastructure



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

forest patch



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

improved side lot/yard



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

improvements to
existing project



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

market garden



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

meadow/bird habitat



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

mounds of fun



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

nature-based play area



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

orchard



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

other (write in): _____

A large empty rectangular box with a pink border, intended for writing project ideas or details.

project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

solar farm



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

sports fields/grounds



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

tree nursery



project ideas/details:

GREEN SPACE TYPE:

traditional playground



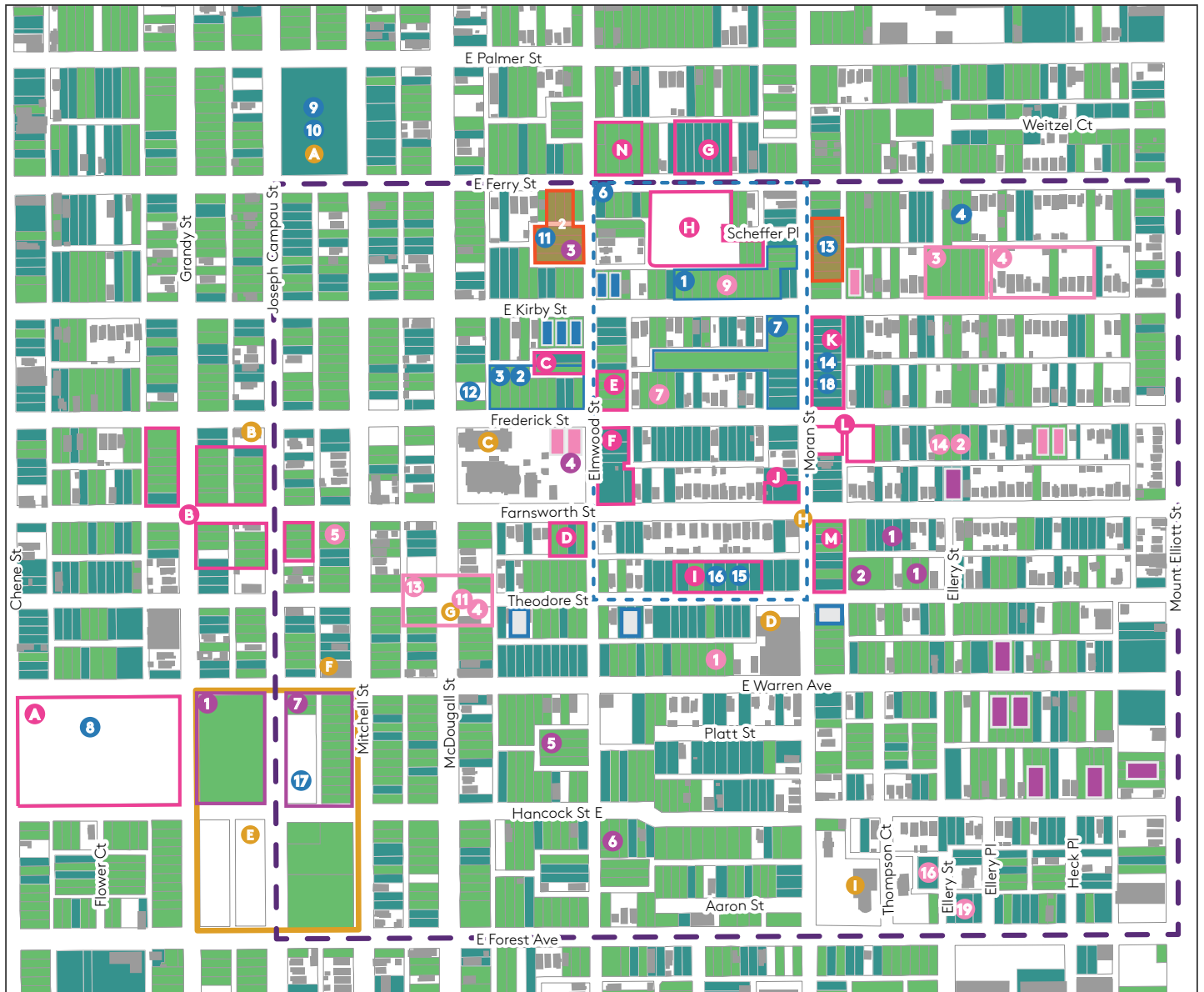
project ideas/details:

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APPENDIX B: MAPPED RESULTS FROM THE DECEMBER 2019 WORKSHOP

East Ferry Warren Neighborhood

Open Space Type Mapping Exercise / 12.4.19 Workshop Summary



- GROUP 2**
- | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Meadow/Bird Habitat (butterfly garden) | 5 Sports Fields/Grounds (b-ball) | 11 Solar Farm |
| 2 Nature-Based Play Area | 7 Arboretum | 13 Comm. Gathering/Event Space |
| 3 Forest Patch | 9 Orchard (peaches, pears, cherries) | 14 Mounds of Fun |
| 4 GSI - Green Roofs + Water Catchment (for water independence) | | 16 Community Garden |

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GROUP 3

- 1 Meadow/Bird Habitat
- 2 Nature-Based Play Area
- 3 Forest Patch
- 4 Green Stormwater Infrastructure
- 5 Sports Fields/Grounds
- 6 Connecting Lots (green belt)
- 7 Arboretum
- General Housing

GROUP 1

- 1 Meadow/Bird Habitat + Fruit Trees
- 2 Nature-Based Play Area
- 3 Forest Patch
- 4 GSI - Pilot Green Roof + Water Catchment Project
- 6 Connecting Lots (green belt + XC-ski)
- 7 Arboretum
- 8 Traditional Playground (wooden)
- 9 Orchard
- 10 Cut Flower Farm
- 11 Solar Farm + BMX on Perimeter
- 12 Bioremediation Project (old funeral home)
- 13 Comm. Gathering + Event Space - Fungi Freights
- 14 Mounds of Fun
- 15 Adventure Playground
- 16 Community Garden
- 17 BMX Park + Art Co-op Space
- 18 Market Garden
- S-F Housing
- M-F Housing

Other Group 2 ideas include:
wood-harvesting cooperative
urban grazing land

- 19 Improved Side Lot/Yard
- S-F Housing

OPEN SPACE PROJECTS

- A Perrien Park
- B Poletown Farms
- C Field Temple
- D Arboretum Detroit Tree Nursery
- E Arboretum Detroit Pilot Project
- F Sundial Community Garden
- G Black Dog Farms
- H Callahan Bird Habitat
- I Back 40
- J Farnsworth Community Garden
- K Rising Pheasant Expansion
- L Rising Pheasant Farms
- M Heritage Apple Orchard
- N Villekulla Flora

NOTABLE PLACES

- A Former Ferry Elementary Site
- B Polish Yacht Club
- C St. Hyacinth Church
- D Marathon Linen Supply Bldg.
- E Former NE High School Site
- F 555 Gallery
- G McDougall Market
- H Laster's + Moran Street Bike Shop
- I Israel of God's Church

DLBA-OWNED OPEN SPACE FOR SALE

- 1 5415-5450 Moran
- 2 3164-3178 Ferry + 5425-5445 Elmwood

VACANT LAND OWNERSHIP

- Public
- Private

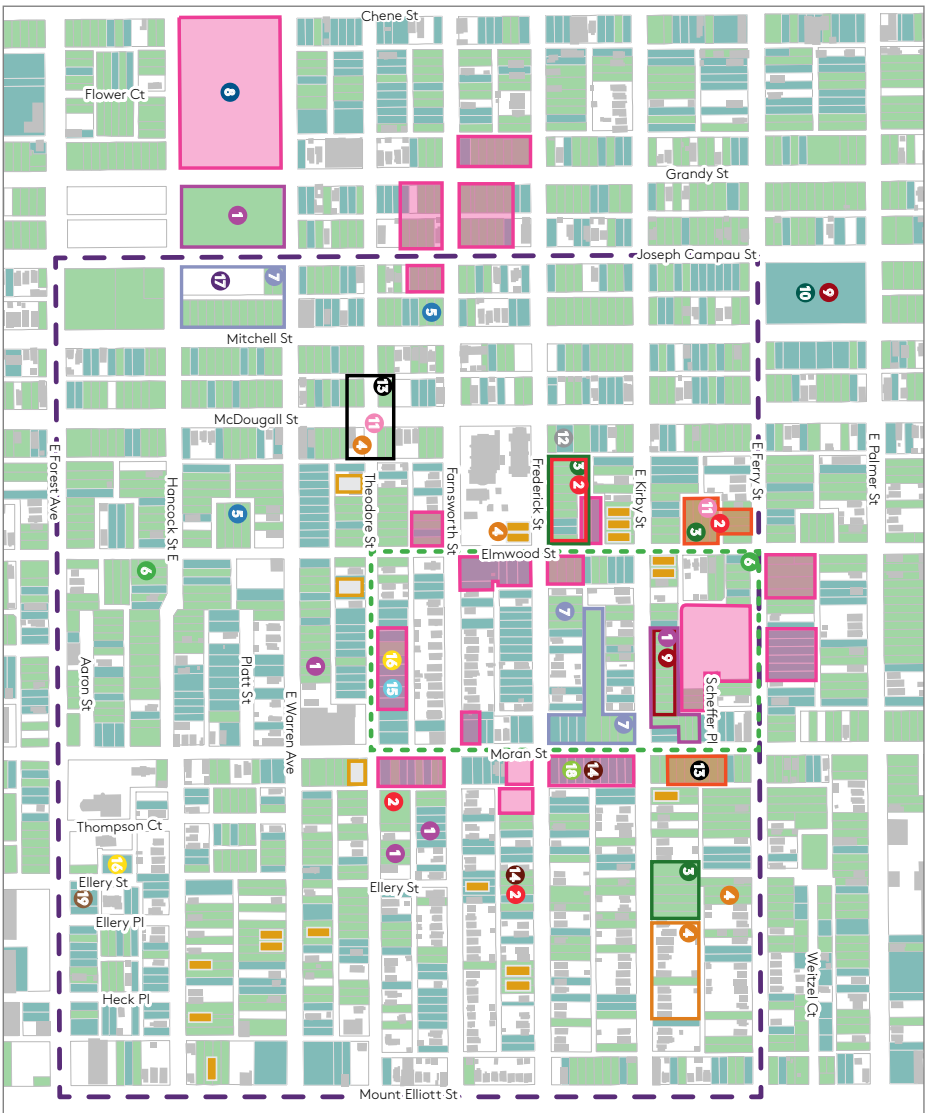
EFWCA BOUNDARY

375 750 1,500 Feet
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APPENDIX C: DISTILLED RESULTS FROM THE DECEMBER 2019 WORKSHOP

East Ferry Warren Neighborhood Open Space Type Mapping Exercise / 12.4.19 Workshop Summary

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PROPOSED PROJECTS:

- 1 Meadow/Bird Habitat
- 2 Nature-Based Play Area
- 3 Forest Patch
- 4 Green Stormwater Infrastructure
- 5 Sports Fields/Grounds
- 6 Connecting Lots/Greenway
- 7 Arboretum
- 8 Traditional Playground
- 9 Orchard
- 10 Cut Flower Farm
- 11 Solar Farm
- 12 Bioremediation Fungi Project
- 13 Comm. Gathering + Event Space
- 14 Mounds of Fun
- 15 Adventure Playground
- 16 Community Garden
- 17 BMX Park
- 18 Market Garden
- 19 Improved Side Lot/Yard
- Single Family Housing
- Multi-Family Housing

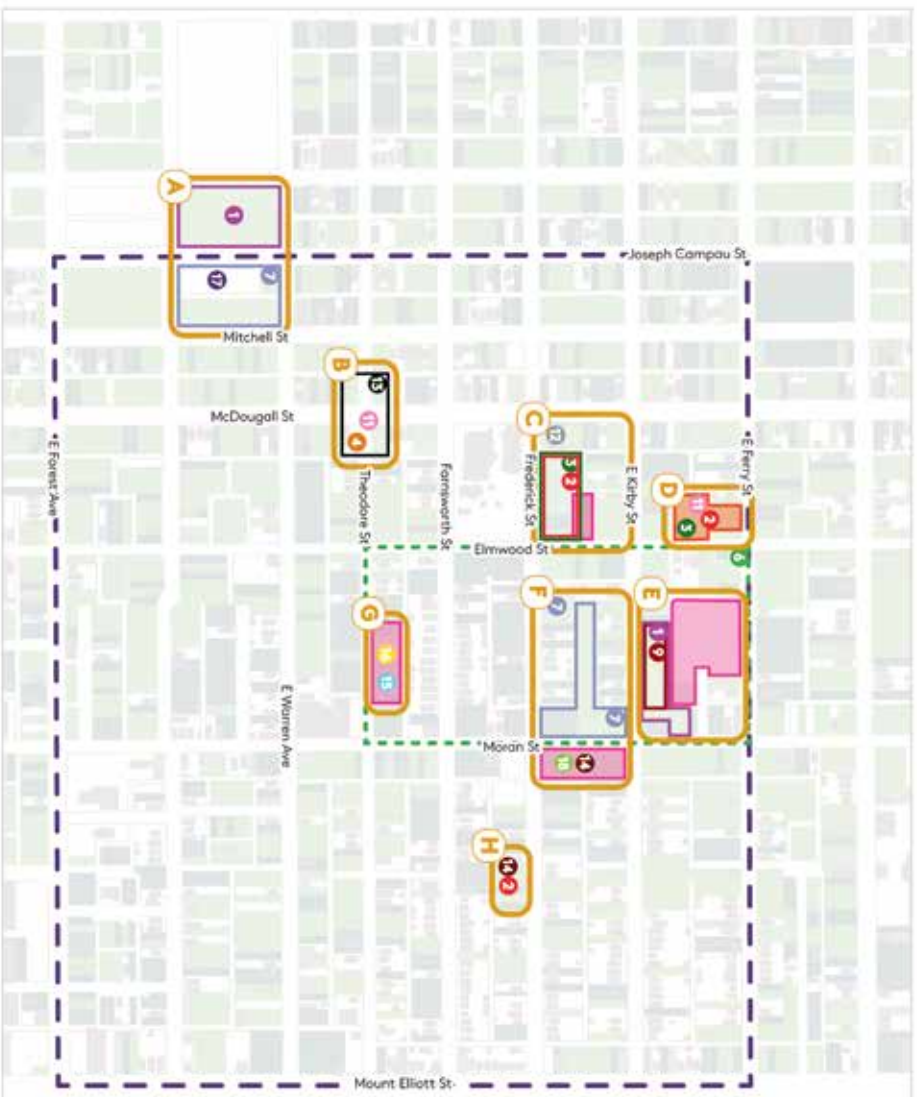
Other Ideas Include:
Wood-Harvesting Cooperative
Urban Grazing Land
Cross-Country Ski Loop
Green Roof
Water Catchment System
Butterfly Garden



APPENDIX D: IDENTIFIED CLUSTERS OF FUTURE GREEN SPACE IDEAS

East Ferry Warren Neighborhood Open Space Type Mapping Exercise / 12.4.19 Workshop Summary

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EFWCA BOUNDARY

PROPOSED PROJECTS:

- 1 Meadow/Bird Habitat
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- 15 Market Garden

Other Ideas Include:

- Wood-Harvesting Cooperative
- Urban Grazing Land
- Cross-Country Ski Loop
- Green Roof
- Water Catchment System
- Butterfly Garden

APPENDIX E: IN-PERSON GREEN SPACE SURVEY

EAST FERRY WARREN GREENSPACE PLAN

Hi, I'm _____ with the East Ferry Warren Community Association.

I have a few questions to get your input on a neighborhood greenspace plan, do you have **ten minutes?** We are **giving neighbors \$5** to respond to these questions.

When we say **greenspace**, think about projects in the neighborhood like the community garden, farms, orchards, and parks. These are projects that have improved vacant lots.

Goals of the project:

- Planning for existing and future neighborhood greenspace projects to turn some of the vacant land into projects
- Create a custom landscape design for a future neighborhood project
- Develop standards for maintenance of neighborhood greenspace projects

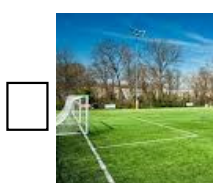
Name: _____ Address: _____

1. How long have you lived in the neighborhood? _____

2. [*#2 on neighbor's packet.*] What types of greenspace projects would you like to see (or see more of) in the neighborhood? Choose up to 6.



NATURE-BASED
PLAY AREA



SPORTS FIELDS/
GROUNDS



FOREST PATCH/
TREE STAND



COMMUNITY/EVENT
GATHERING SPACE



IMPROVED SIDE
LOT/YARD



MEADOW LANDSCAPE



MOUNDS OF FUN



ORCHARD



ARBORETUM



GREEN
STORMWATER
INFRASTRUCTURE



ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND



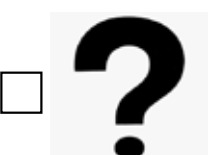
SOLAR FARM



TRADITIONAL PLAYGROUND



TREE NURSERY



OTHER

EAST FERRY WARREN GREENSPACE PLAN

3. [#3 on neighbor's packet] This map shows a few examples of existing greenspace projects in the neighborhood. Are you familiar with any of these projects or others in the neighborhood?

4. [#4 on neighbor's packet.] What are your priorities for neighborhood greenspaces? Choose up to 3.

<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
	POLLINATORS		KID-FRIENDLY		BEAUTY		
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
	OPEN TO PUBLIC		COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES		SAFETY		
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES		FOOD PRODUCTION		NEATNESS		OTHER

5. [#5 on neighbor's packet.] What are your concerns about greenspace projects in the neighborhood? Choose up to 3.

<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	OWNERSHIP		MAINTENANCE		COMMUNITY INPUT/INCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	NEATNESS/CLEANLINESS		COST OF PROJECT		SAFETY
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
	ILLEGAL DUMPING		OTHER		

EAST FERRY WARREN GREENSPACE PLAN

6. [#6 on neighbor's packet.] Where in the neighborhood would you like to see future greenspace projects? You can use the stickers to mark up to 3 locations.

Now I'm going to ask a few questions about maintenance of greenspace projects and vacant lots in the neighborhood.

7. [#7 on neighbor's packet.] These are pictures of a meadow, which has flowers and grasses for attracting birds and butterflies. What do you like or dislike about the pictures? Which do you think are acceptable or unacceptable in your neighborhood? Why?



B.





D.



8. [#8 on neighbor's packet.] These are pictures of a forested lot with trees. What do you like or dislike about the pictures? Which do you think are acceptable or unacceptable in your neighborhood? Why?



B.





D.



EAST FERRY WARREN GREENSPACE PLAN

9. [#9 on neighbor's packet.] These are pictures of community spaces used to grow food. What do you like or dislike about these pictures? Which do you think are acceptable or unacceptable in your neighborhood? Why?

A.



B.



C.



D.



E.



F.



G.



H.



EAST FERRY WARREN GREENSPACE PLAN

10. [#10 on neighbor's packet.] This question is about how to take care of the edge of your property. What do you like or dislike about the pictures? Which do you think are acceptable and unacceptable? Why?



















Thank you for having this conversation! Our next community meeting on this greenspace project is Wed. April 1st at 6 pm at Israel of God’s Church at 3533 Forest. We would love for you to join us for dinner and more discussion around this project. Here’s \$5, thank you for your time.

Can we have your phone number to send texts about upcoming meetings? _____

APPENDIX F: COVER PAGE OF MAIL-IN GREEN SPACE SURVEY*

*If there was no answer when canvassers knocked, this cover page was added to the surveys left at homes to be completed without canvasser assistance.

EAST FERRY WARREN GREENSPACE PLAN

The East Ferry Warren Community Association is developing a neighborhood plan on existing and future greenspace/vacant land improvement projects. We would love to get your input if you could answer these questions and **mail the survey back** with the stamped envelope we've included **by Friday, March 20th**.

When we say **greenspace**, we think about projects in the neighborhood like the community garden, farms, orchards, and parks. These are **projects that have improved vacant lots**.

Goals of the project:

- Planning for existing and future neighborhood greenspace projects to turn some of the vacant land into projects
- Create a custom landscape design for a future neighborhood project
- Develop standards for maintenance of neighborhood greenspace projects

Name: _____ Address: _____

1. How long have you lived in the neighborhood? _____

2. What types of greenspace projects would you like to see (or see more of) in the neighborhood?



NATURE-BASED
PLAY AREA



SPORTS FIELDS/
GROUNDS



FOREST PATCH/
TREE STAND



COMMUNITY/EVENT
GATHERING SPACE



IMPROVED SIDE
LOT/YARD



MEADOW LANDSCAPE



MOUNDS OF FUN



ORCHARD



ARBORETUM



GREEN
STORMWATER
INFRASTRUCTURE



ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND



SOLAR FARM



TRADITIONAL PLAYGROUND



TREE NURSERY



OTHER: EXPLAIN
BELOW

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