# OPENING PANEL

Interesection of Grassroots Land Use Solutions and the JLG

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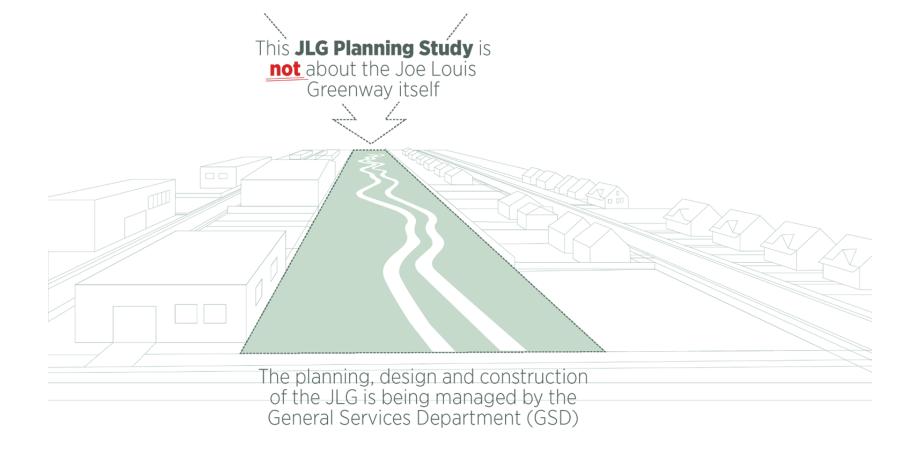
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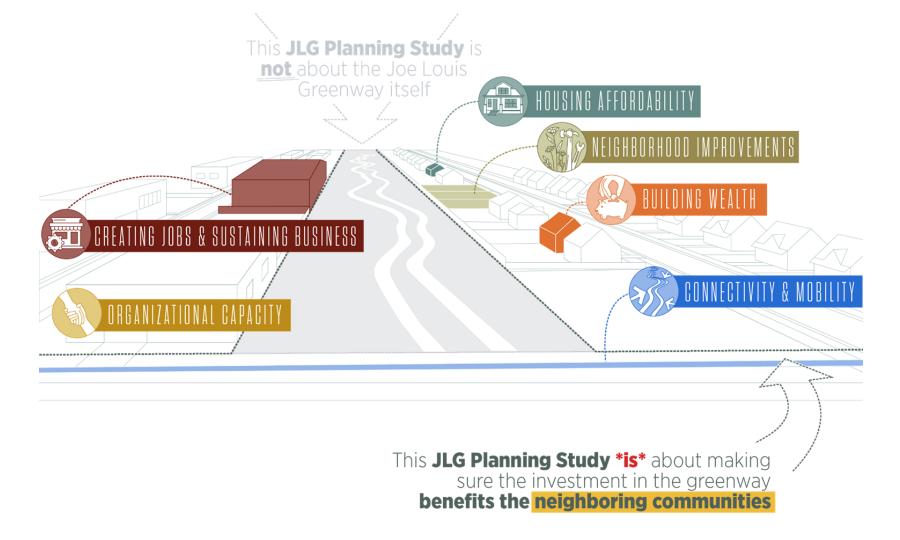
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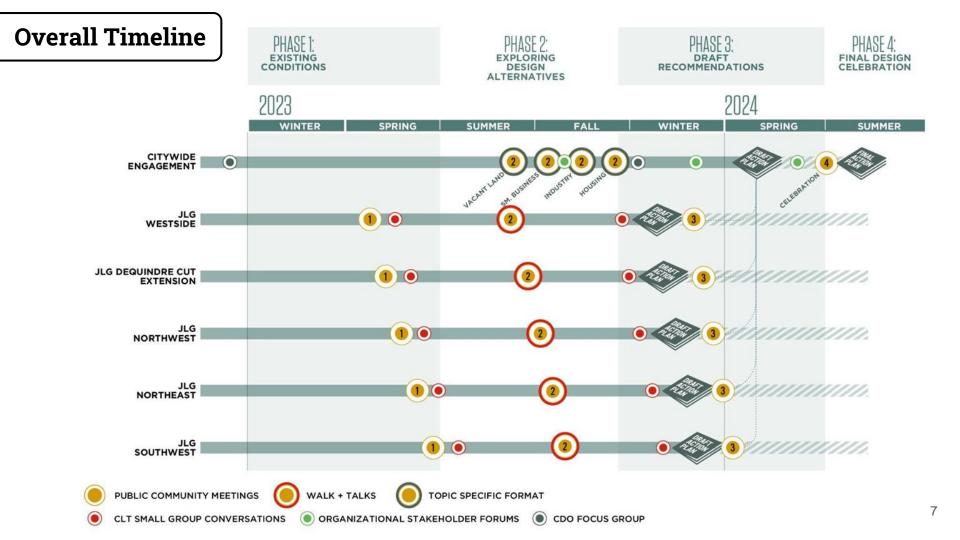


### JOE LOUIS GREENWAY PLANNING AREAS

The Plan covers a half mile area on either side along the entire 29+ mile greenway route and considers the 23 distinct neighborhoods traversed by the greenway route.









## IMPACTS FROM OTHER GREENWAYS



South Platte River Greenway Denver, CO



Midtown Greenway Minneapolis, MN



Indianapolis Cultural Trail Indianapolis, IN



**The 606** Chicago, IL



JOE LOUIS GREENWAY How do we best leverage the investment in the Joe Louis Greenway to create <u>more</u> <u>equitable outcomes?</u>

One key way is thinking very strategically about publicly held vacant land.

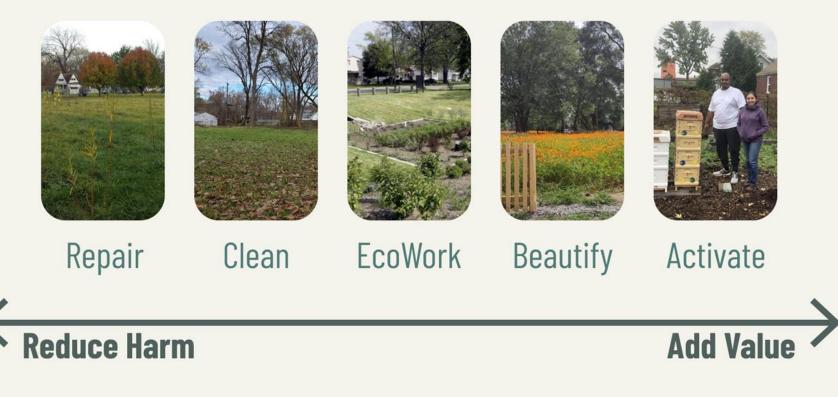
## VACANT LAND BY ZONING + ADJACENCY

That Equals TOTAL JLG WIDE ACRES OF VACANT LAND **Zoned Residential** 1135 **Zoned Other** 88 TOTAL 1,972 **BELLE ISLES** OR 1,494 Football Fields

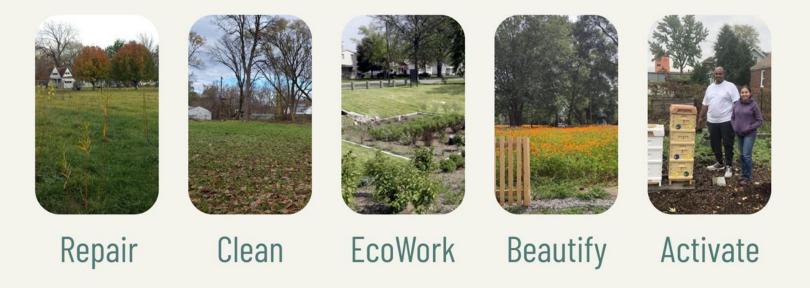
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## What can we do with Vacant Land?



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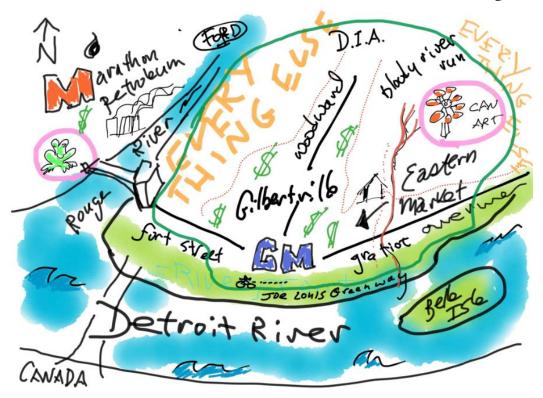
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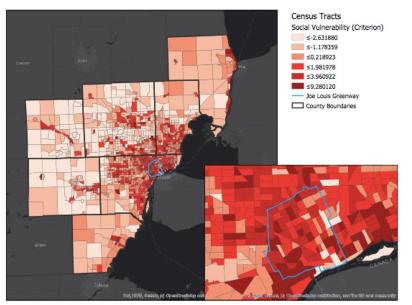
## The Risk and Promise of the Joe Louis Greenway

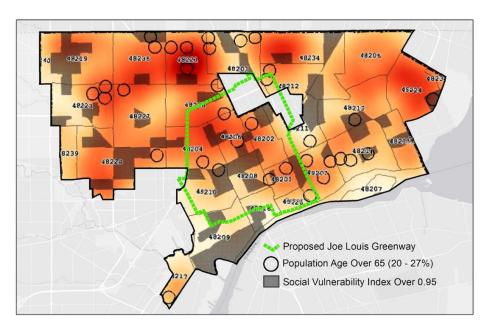


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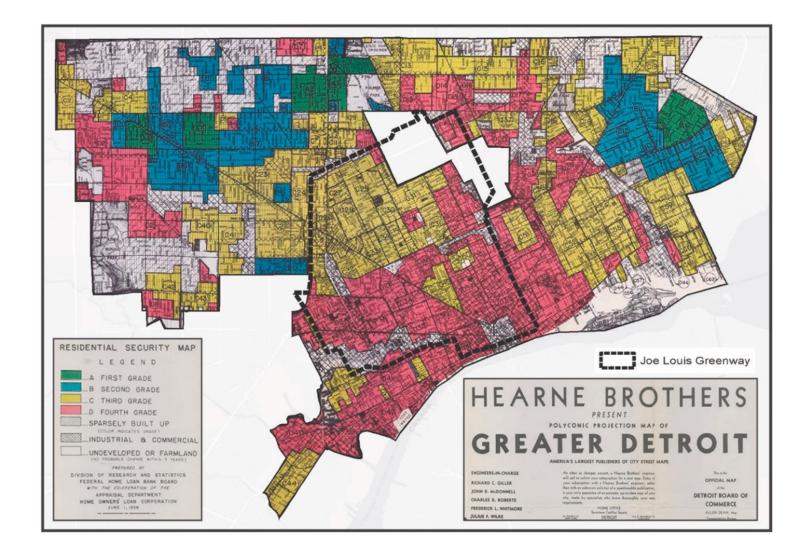


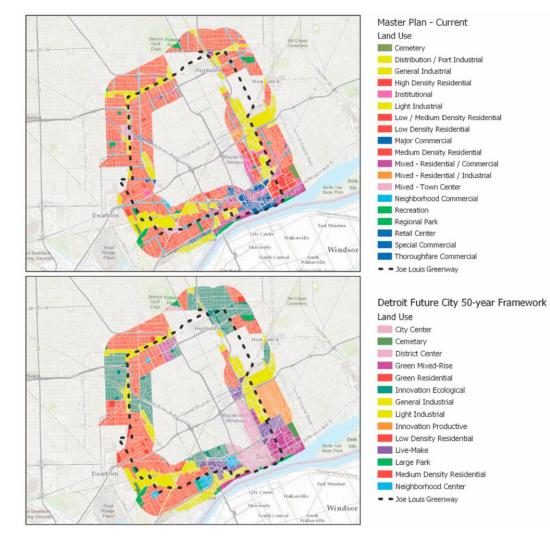


Data: Social Vulnerability Index - University of South Carolina Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute National Occenic and Ameripheric Administration (NDAA) SOMCOS Open Data Reca:

#### Figure 3. Donut 1: Distribution of Vulnerability in Metro Detroit, with Joe Louis Greenway route outlined in blue.

Map of COVID-19 cases (first wave) by Alex Hill, superimposed with JLG route





We hypothesized two potential trajectories in Detroit relative to the JLG: (1) green gentrification and (2) green reparations.

In the green gentrification scenario, we predict that green space projects will result in more marketoriented development and more open space will move into private hands, rather than being dedicated to community or public use. Lees, Slater and Wyly define gentrification as "the transformation of a working-class or vacant area of the central city into more middle-class residential and/or commercial use" [38] (p. xv). Specific negative social impacts potentially caused by gentrification include residential displacement; exclusion; transformation of public, social and commercial space; polarization; and homogenization [39] (p. 90).

In the green reparations scenario, green space projects would be undertaken with a specific intent of achieving social equity. Their benefits would systematically target the very areas and populations most harmed by historic trauma, including racial segregation, economic disinvestment, institutional abandonment and environmental injustice [40]. As expressed in demands for a "Green New Deal for Detroit", distributed in advance of the Democratic Presidential Debates in Detroit in July of 2019, any new development in the city would seek to "address historic harm and prevent present and ongoing industrial harm", with a special focus on "frontline communities" that "have had to deal with the impact of industrial plants, toxic waste sites, incinerators and pollution within close proximity to their homes" [41].

## SO WHICH IS IT?



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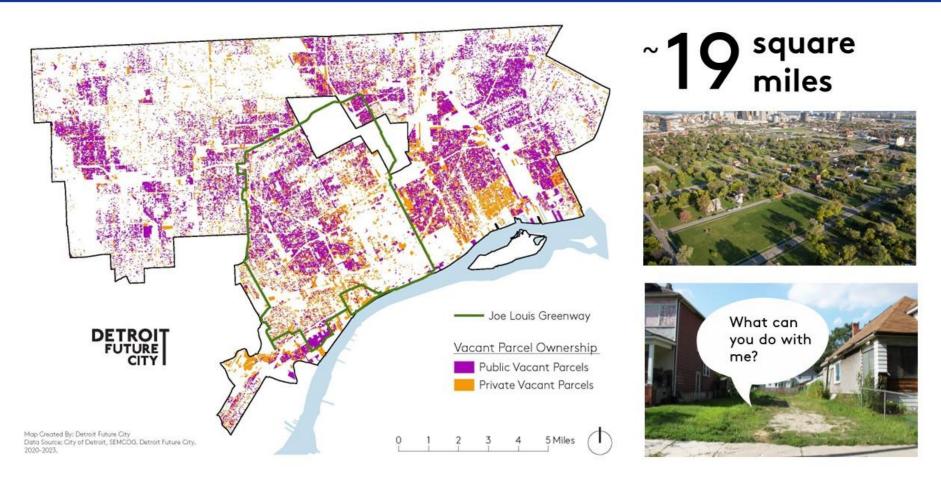


https://www.cnu.org/highways-boulevards/campaigncities/detroit

"Descendants and former owners should get first dibs on new property; small African American business owners and developers should be next." –Jamon Jordan

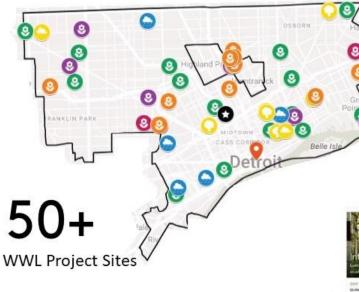
#### Vacant Land in Detroit





#### **DFC Programming: Vacant Land Activation**









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Supporting community leaders in advancing open space land transformation in support of building thriving, resilient neighborhoods

- Network Building
- Research, Resource + Toolkit Development
- Technical Assistance + Implementation Support
- Project Funding/Fundraising Support



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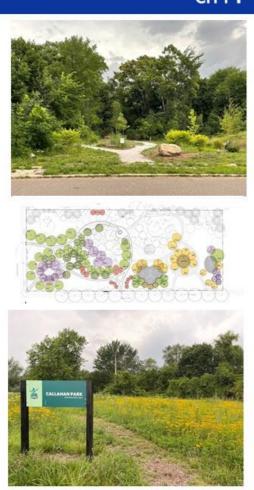


#### **Neighborhood Resiliency Projects**





Include urban farms, community gardens, flower farms, plant nurseries, etc.



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#### Detroit's Interconnected Resiliency Challenges









INFRASTRUCTURE & NEIGHBORHOODS



COMPOUNDED VULNERABILITIES



SEVERE STORMS ➡ FLOODING, CSOS



AGING ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



POOR AIR QUALITY = POOR HEALTH



INCREASED TEMPS => HEAT ISLAND

#### Land for Resiliency Tool for Community Decision-Making





Solar



Mounted

Solar







Prairie

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Green Stormwater Infrastructure

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#### **Community Solar: Overview**

DOLLARS: \$226, 195/ sf DURATION: 20 YEARS + EMBODIED CARBON: 5120000.54 kg CO2 eq. SS PAYBACK: 10 YEARS



#### Micro Grid

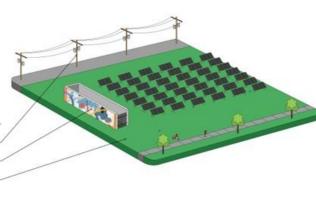
Introduces everyday energy independence and resilience during power outages for a group of neighbors working together.

> Participating Households Require Invertor -

**Transmission Through Existing Poles** 

**Battery Storage** 

3 Lots Serve 7 Households, All on One Block





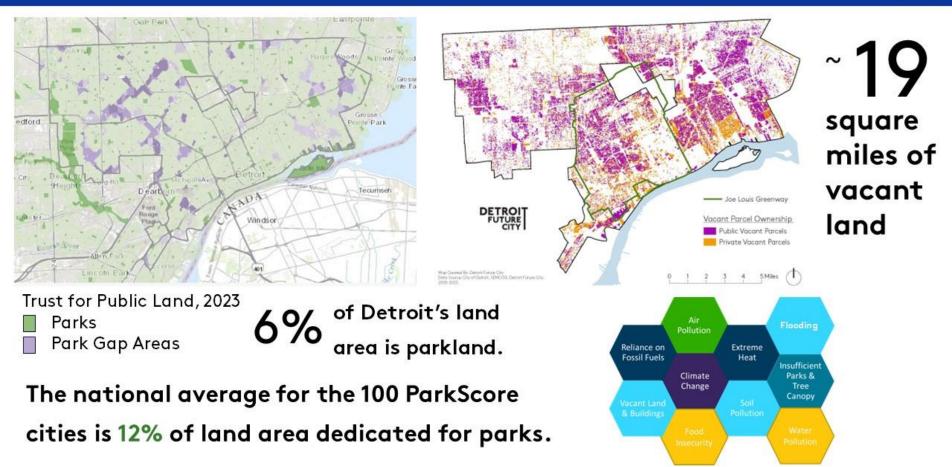
Prairie



**Forest Stand** 

#### Vacant Land as a Tool for Building Resiliency







#### MANISTIQUE COMMUNITY TREEHOUSE CENTER

#### A HOLISTIC COMMUNITY EMPOWERING SPACE

# WHAT IS THE MANISTIQUE COMMUNITY TREEHOUSE CENTER



## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SPACES OF NATURE

Depression Anxiety Employment difficulties LBGTQI issues Seniors in crisis Cultural and social Issues Senior/Youth day programs ADD/ADHD Aggression Behavioral issues Obsessive-compulsive disorder PTSD School issues Social issues

#### We work with ...

Individuals Families Couples Veterans Seniors Children (3yrs-12yrs) Adolescents (13yrs-18yrs) LBGTQI of all ages couples, and family counseling, the center strives to raise public awareness to the needs of some of the residents of our community.

Services are designed to strengthen and increase self-esteem, self-respect, and respect for other in society, promoting healthy living, and addressing issues relating to improving the quality of live.

As a multicultural center we respect the world views of all persons regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

CECS gives the client the option to have sessions in a space of nature.



Reality Therapy Solution Focused Brief (SFBT) Art Therapy Horticultural Therapy Animal Therapy Music Therapy Strength Therapy ..... and more!

Person-centered Therapy



Senior day program - meet and gree



#### Program Information:

Youth will meet in the garden at 261 Manistique Kids Community Garden, a minimum of one day a week for 4 hours a day (10:30am-2:30pm). The program will run all year round. In-door months will be October-April email or call for time and location changes during these months.

#### What Youth Will Learn:

During their visits, they will learn...

- How to grow and care for a variety of plants and what certain plants can be used for
- Different potting techniques, soil types needed for growing different plants in different conditions and contexts (i.e. potted vs. in the ground, outdoor vs. indoor, sun plants vs. shade plants)
- How to work together to create and install their own planting designs
- How to use and care for a wheel barrow, hose, and other gardening tools
- How to dig proper holes for planting, plant from seed, germinate, weeding, thinning, harvest and prepare fruits, vegetables, herbs, and ornamentals.

#### **Program Evaluation:**

There will be on-going evaluations completed by the children to let the program leaders know their feeling about the program and how it can be improved. The program leader will review and make changes to ensure that the children are successful and grow in confidence.



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#### CREATIVE EMPOWERMENT GARDEN WITH WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY

#### MANISTIQUE COMMUNITY GARDEN

COMMUNITY **TREEHOUSE CENTER** DETROIT – SOLAR **INSTALLATIONS OF ROOFTOP / GROUND MOUNT SOLAR ON 25 HOMES IN THE JEFFERSON** CHALMER COMMUNITY



#### Solar Tour 2018











- CREATIVE
  EMPOWERMENT
  GARDEN
- SOLAR MOVIE THEATER
- EMERGENCY POWER-STATION
- GARDEN FOR MENTAL HEALTH



CLIMATE CLINIC THAT WILL TRAVEL FROM EVENT TO EVENT



#### **SOLAR POWERED COMMUNITY SEVERITY KITCHEN**





"a Country V in the City East Lawn Development

A sustainable neighborhood where people build community through stewardship and skill-based contributions

# stewardship and skill-based contributions

#### EASTLAWN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT