



# The Midwest-Tireman Monthly Newsletter



**JANUARY**

Making connections through opportunities

**EDITION 16**

## **WE ARE BACK!**

We hope you had a wonderful holiday with friends and family and already had a productive month of January. Hopefully, as you get back to the rhythm of your daily routine, you are taking care of your health and keeping warm in this cold weather.

## **UPDATE- NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM**

The application for the 2024 Neighborhood Beautification Program is now open! Detroit-based block clubs, neighborhood associations, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based groups can apply for up to \$15,000 in funding to improve vacant land in their neighborhoods.

The Detroit Housing and Revitalization Department has awarded \$1.24 million in grants for 99 projects since Fall 2022, and after a major funding boost last summer, we have an additional \$3.51 million available through 2025. Detroiters can use the funding for community gardens, public space improvements, and clean-up activities on lots they own or purchase from the Detroit Land Bank Authority.

To apply for funding, please visit the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency website:

[www.waynemetro.org/neighborhood-beautification-grant/](http://www.waynemetro.org/neighborhood-beautification-grant/)

**Please note the deadline for submitting the application is February 23 2024.**

Please contact Samuel Coons and Karmel Reeves from the Housing and Revitalization Department (HRD) regarding questions about the program:

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### **Important links**

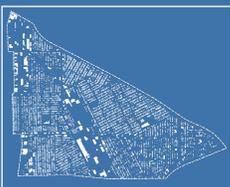
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## **NEXT PAGE:**

Step-by-step flier on participating in the Neighborhood Beautification Program provided by HRD.



**VIRTUAL OFFICE HOUR:**  
**THURSDAYS: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Call or email to set up an appointment

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# HOW TO APPLY FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

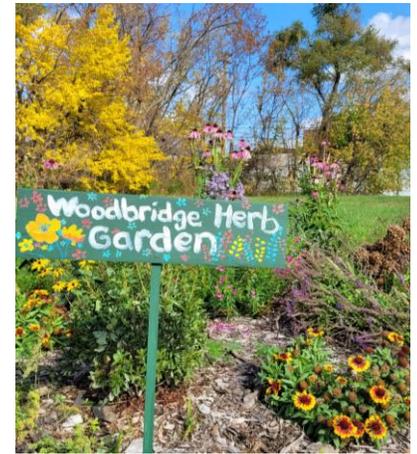


Funded by the Neighborhood Improvement Fund

## WHAT IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM?

The Neighborhood Beautification Program (NBP) provides funding to Detroit-based block clubs, neighborhood associations, nonprofits and faith-based organizations to conduct projects on vacant lots in their community. **Nonprofit and faith-based organizations must partner with a City-registered block club.**

Applicants must currently own the lots or purchase them from the Detroit Land Bank Authority. Awards range from \$500 to \$15,000.



### STEP 1 APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Must be registered with the Department of Neighborhoods or partnered with a City-registered block club (see [Partnership Letter](#)).
- Must be designated as a 501(c)(3) or LLC, or have a 501(c)(3) fiduciary.
- To register with the Department of Neighborhoods, [visit here](#).

### STEP 2 SELECT YOUR SITE

- If you already own the lot(s), move to Step 3 to design your project.
- If you wish to purchase lots, identify [property in your neighborhood here](#).
- DLBA-owned Neighborhood Lots can also be licensed for clean-up activities.

### STEP 3 DESIGN YOUR PROJECT

- Community gardens:
  - Raised beds for flowers or crops
  - Fruit and shade trees
  - Ornamental gardens
- Public space improvements:
  - Landscaping
  - Benches and tables
  - Art installations
  - Fencing or boulders
- Clean-up activities:
  - Brush clearing
  - Grading and seeding
  - Street/alley clean-ups

### QUESTIONS?

For more information, contact Samuel Coons at [Samuel.Coons@detroitmi.gov](mailto:Samuel.Coons@detroitmi.gov).

APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPEN 1/15 - 2/23 ON THE [WAYNE METRO WEBSITE](#)

Register now  
for an info  
session:

- [INFORMATION SESSION – 1/10 at 5pm](#)
- [PLOT PLAN + PERMITTING SESSION – 1/24 at 9am](#)
- [QUESTION + ANSWER SESSION – 1/31 at 12pm](#)