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One year ago today, the City of Detroit was facing the closure of the GM Poletown Plant and the loss of 2,000 jobs

GM decision to close Detroit-Hamtramck met with shock, anger

Eric D. Lawrence and Christina Hall, Detroit Free Press



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The Ghost of Poletown Hangs Over GM's Closing Detroit-Hamtramck Plant

Posted to [Politics](#) December 28, 2018 by [Michael Farren](#)

It brought back the painful memories of the sacrifice Detroit made moving out 4,000 residents in the 1980's



National and international media immediately jumped on this new story of Detroit's decline

The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

Thousands lost their homes in epic fight to build GM's Detroit plant. Now it's closing.



GM's history: A bumpy ride to 2018
GM announced Nov. 26 that it plans to lay off 25 percent of salaried workers. This isn't the first time the company has faced trouble. (Elyse Semuels/The Washington Post)

By Kyle Swanson



REUTERS

Thousands moved out for a new GM factory; now it's closing

David Shephardson, Nick Carey

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WASHINGTON/DETROIT (Reuters) - General Motors Co on Monday pulled the plug on the Chevrolet Volt hybrid and the Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly plant that builds it, both examples of a costly gamble that is not paying off.



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While others were publicly bashing GM, we started intense discussions to save the plant

General Motors plant closings still the hot topic at the Detroit Auto Show

Posted: 6:37 PM, Jan 15, 2019 Updated: 9:10 AM, Jan 16, 2019

 By: Jim Kiertzner



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We worked hand in hand with UAW Leadership And Governor Whitmer



UAW President Rory Gamble



UAW VP Cindy Estrada



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In January GM announced a stunning reversal: Building its most advanced plant in the world at Poletown



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**GM TO INVEST \$2.2B IN DETROIT-HAMTRAMCK
PLANT AND CREATE 2,200 JOBS**

For years, we were told auto plants would never come back to Detroit

OPINION

Opinion: New large manufacturing plants not in Detroit's future

John E. Mogk Published 10:38 p.m. ET July 29, 2018



(Photo: Anthony Lanzilote. Special to The Detroit News)



President Donald Trump's proposed tariffs on the auto industry highlight the enormous benefit large manufacturing plants are to American cities today. Recently, The New York Times focused upon the anticipated impacts of tariffs on Spartanburg, South Carolina's BMW plant. The \$2.2 billion plant, built two decades ago using 1.5 square miles, employs

23,000 BMW and contract workers and drew more than 200 companies from two dozen countries to the Spartanburg area. One-in-ten people earn a living making vehicles or their parts in Spartanburg. Many more are employed in small businesses serving the workers and their families.

Detroit could reap all those benefits if the BMW plant or another like it was located

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How cars built Detroit and then destroyed it



FILE - This July 18, 2013 file photo shows the Detroit skyline as seen from Grand River on Thursday, July 18, 2013, in Detroit. Four years ago, America's Big Three automakers mortgaged all they owned or went into bankruptcy court to keep from going broke. Since then, General Motors, Chrysler and Ford have all returned to full financial health, unlike Detroit itself, which filed for bankruptcy Thursday after years of painful decline. (AP Photo/Carlos Osorio, File) Credit: AP Photo Carlos Osorio

By BLOOMBERG NEWS

August 5, 2013 2:56 PM

**The site of tonight's speech –
Was a largely abandoned industrial corridor in 2014**

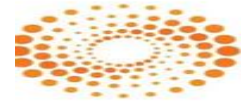


In 2016, we landed one of the world's largest parts makers – Flex-N-Gate to build our first major plant in 25 years



AUTO PARTS SUPPLIER FLEX-N-GATE TO MAKE \$95M INVESTMENT IN DETROIT

The surprised national media called it “rare”



REUTERS

Automotive supplier breaks ground on rare new Detroit factory

Nick Carey

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DETROIT (Reuters) - U.S. auto parts maker Flex-N-Gate will build a plant in Detroit in what local officials described on Monday as the first new investment by an automotive supplier in decades for Motor City, the cradle and former beating heart of the car industry.



We kicked off the new development with a new process for Detroit: community collaboration



The Community Endorsed the Flex-N-Gate Plant

The Community Meeting Process

- **Neighbors, Alkebu-lan Village, other stakeholders participated**
- **Flex-N-Gate committed to plan to recruit Detroiters for the jobs**
- **Truck traffic was diverted away from residences**
- **Flex-N-Gate property tax abatement - Flex-N-Gate still paying City \$40 million in taxes over 30 years**



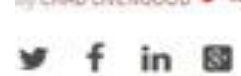
And when Flex-N-Gate began its hiring of the first 500, 16,000 people applied

April 29, 2018 12:30 a.m. UPDATED 2 DAYS AGO

Focus: Hope operating city-funded training for Flex-N-Gate jobs

New Detroit auto parts plant got 16,000 applications for 500 positions

By CHAD LIVENGOOD



Automotive Focus: HOPE Jobs/Career More +

- Flex-N-Gate has received 16,370 applications to date for 496 jobs at new Detroit plant
- Auto supplier to stamp and mold parts for new Ford Ranger
- Focus: Hope operating city-funded training for Flex-N-Gate production workers



The plant today has 600 employees – nearly 60% Detroiters
Here on the site of that empty field



5,000 Jobs Coming With Ford's Renovation of Train Station and Corktown Campus



New Jobs in the Tech Industry



In the apparel industry

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MyLocker completes \$14-million expansion in Corktown, will hire 200

Taylor Nicole Morris, Detroit Free Press Published 5:41 p.m. ET Nov. 18, 2019 | Updated 5:42 p.m. ET Nov. 18, 2019

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Detroit-based company [MyLocker](#) held a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday morning after completing its \$14 million headquarters expansion.

The expansion at 1300 Rosa Parks Blvd. in the Corktown neighborhood means 200 more jobs.



Mayor Mike Duggan attends MyLocker ribbon cutting ceremony. (Photo: Taylor Morris, Detroit Free Press)

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In the hospitality industry

Shinola Hotel holding career fair for several open positions

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By: Cara Ball



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New \$46M AC hotel in Midtown Detroit will include Bonstelle Theatre restoration

JC Reed, Detroit Free Press Published 10:50 a.m. ET Feb. 11, 2020 | Updated 7:33 p.m. ET Feb. 11, 2020

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The planned 10-story, 153-room AC Hotel next to the Bonstelle Theatre. (Photo: Roxbury Group)

Construction could begin this summer on a 10-story, \$46 million hotel project along Woodward in Midtown Detroit that will incorporate the old Bonstelle Theatre.

Detroit-based developer Roxbury Group announced Tuesday that it has an agreement with Marriott International to open a 153-room AC Hotel in the planned building, which would go up at Woodward and Eliot Street, next to the Bonstelle Theatre, on a lot that is now a parking lot.

The developer [previously planned](#) to put a "West Elm"-branded hotel on the site, but that didn't happen. The AC Hotel project is expected to open in late 2021 and will include restoration of the Bonstelle, which will connect to the hotel with a glass-enclosed conservatory and be converted into conference and event space and a bar.

The Roxbury Group has a long-term lease of the Bonstelle from Wayne State University.

And the Construction Industry



As Detroit is seeing growth rate not seen in decades, we are studying what happened in other communities, like Brooklyn

Gentrification in a Brooklyn Neighborhood Forces Residents to Move On

By VIVIAN YEE | NOV 27, 2015



Displaced, Dispersed, Disappeared: What Happens to Families Forced Out of Bushwick?

By Neil deMause | May 6, 2015

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After being evicted with her husband and three young children from a Brooklyn apartment, Diana Zarumeno struggled to find a new home because landlords refused to rent to someone with children.

And in Washington DC, where rapid gentrification forced out many long-time Black residents.

Beyond Gentrification: Hundreds Of DC Residents Being Forced From Their Homes

It's no secret that the nation's capital is also the country's capital of gentrification. But when MintPress investigated, we found that the city's poor residents aren't just getting squeezed out by skyrocketing rents -- they're victims of forced evictions.

By Sean Nevins [Follow](#) @seannevins | April 20, 2015

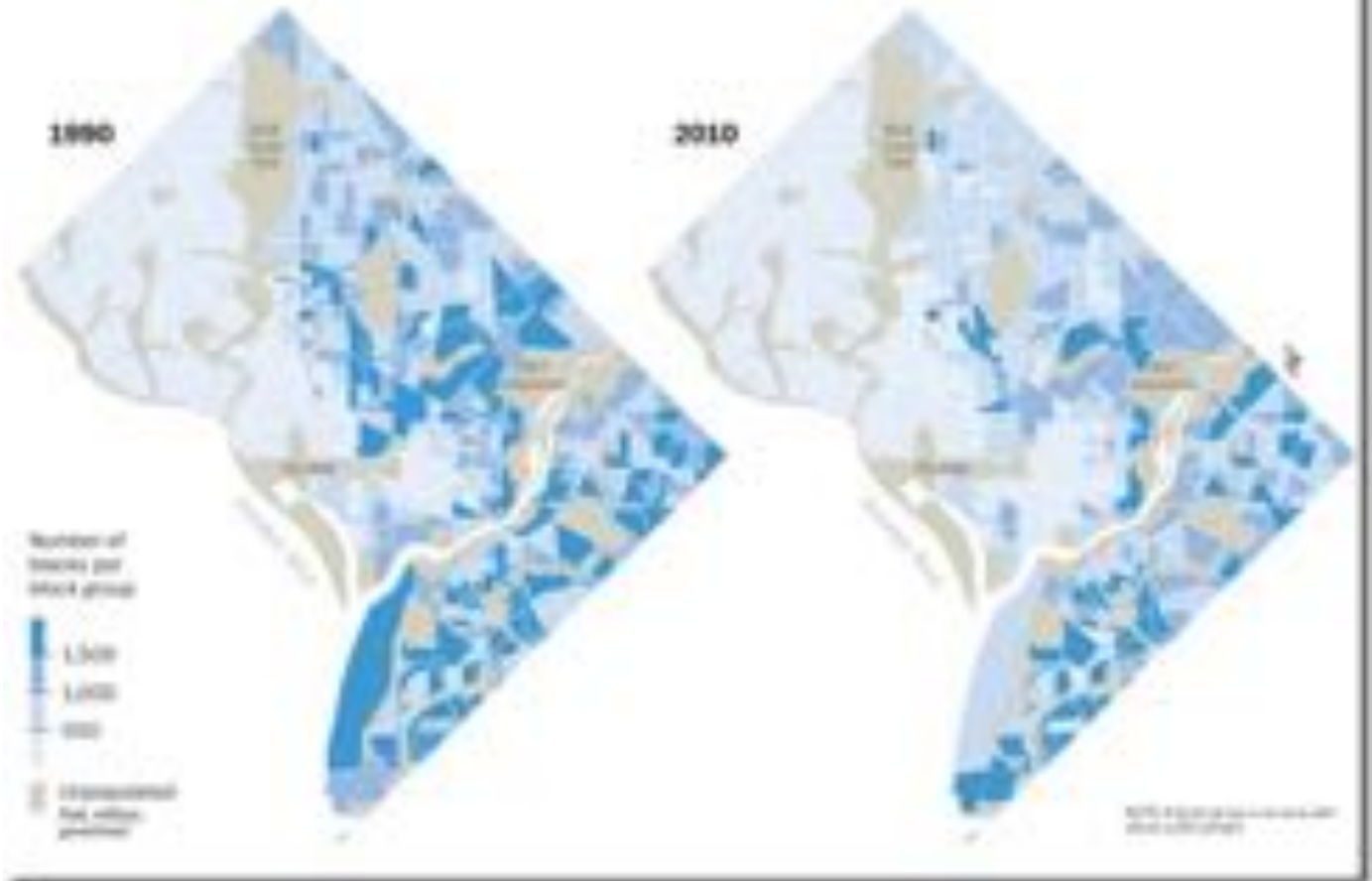


Phyllisa Blair, resident and co-founder of the Barry Farm Study Circle, has lived in the neighborhood for about 3 years.

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of predominantly black families in Washington, D.C., are preparing to be

Fewer blacks in the District

New Census data shows the District continues to lose Black residents over the last twenty years.



Our strategy is being driven by the Detroit Equity Council – 9 Cabinet Members who constantly assess if Detroiters are benefiting fairly from this recovery



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Corporation Counsel

We believe building a vibrant and equitable Detroit depends on the answers to at least 7 questions:

- 1) How do we stop Detroiters from being gouged in car insurance rates?**
- 2) Do Detroit entrepreneurs get a real chance at business success?**
- 3) As new people move in, are we protecting housing affordability for those who never left?**
- 4) Are our children getting true education and recreation?**
- 5) As companies return to Detroit, who gets the jobs?**
- 6) In DPD – who makes up the growing police force?**
- 7) As some neighborhoods come back, are others left behind?**

On July 2nd, we can finally start to address the gouging of Detroit and Michigan by outrageous car insurance

Michigan has the highest car insurance rates in the country, report says

Posted: 11:11 AM, Feb 11, 2019 Updated: 11:26 AM, Feb 11, 2019



Why Detroit is the most expensive city in America to buy car insurance

It has more to do with bad state policy than crime

ASK Mike Duggan, the mayor of Detroit, what keeps him up at night and he replies, without a second's hesitation, "car insurance". For those familiar with the city's precarious finances, bad schools and blighted neighbourhoods, this might seem a strange answer. But even among this throng of flashy ailments, Detroit's car-insurance problem looks egregious. The average cost of insurance premiums in the city is \$5,414 per year, more than twice the state average and nearly four times the national average. For the typical Detroit household, making \$26,300 a year, this would represent 21% of pre-tax income. Cars are an inescapable necessity in Motor City, a 140-square-mile expanse lacking robust public transportation. Residents therefore flout the law by registering their policies at addresses outside the city, where insurance costs less than half what it does inside, or by driving without any insurance at all. Good numbers are

2020 Average Cost to Insure Car Here Is Ridiculous

Detroit	\$4100
Michigan	\$2611
Illinois	\$1296
Indiana	\$1181
Ohio	\$1175
Wisconsin	\$ 951

A Detroit Driver with a good driving record for a 2015 Ford Focus

Vehicle information	
	2015 Ford Focus 4d
Vehicle Identification Number	IFADP3F27FL
Vehicle Rated Address	ST. DETROIT MI 48224-2558
Assigned Driver	
Other Named Insured(s)	
Titleholder	
Vehicle Usage	Drive To Work/School, 3 - 9 Miles One Way, Less Than 10,000 Miles Per Year
Vehicle Lease/ Purchase Date	AUG 1, 2018
Additional Discounts	ANTI-THEFT - PASSIVE, VEHICLE SAFETY - 4 WHEEL STANDARD DRIVER & PASSENGER-M

Coverages	
2015 Ford Focus 4d	
Limits of Liability	
	Premium
Bodily Injury Liability:	\$100,000 Each Person / \$300,000 Each Accident \$125.04
Property Damage Liability:	\$100,000 Each Accident \$14.27
	Includes MI Limited Property Damage Liability
Property Protection:	Included \$14.52
Personal Injury Protection:	\$300 Deductible \$1,149.02
	Medical Benefits: Coordinated
	Work Loss Benefits: Primary
	Survivors' Loss Benefits
Uninsured Motorists:	\$100,000 Each Person / \$300,000 Each Accident \$19.80
Underinsured Motorists:	\$100,000 Each Person / \$300,000 Each Accident \$16.71
Comprehensive:	\$500 Deductible \$191.66
Collision:	Basic: \$500 Deductible \$590.76
Enhanced Exterior Repair Option:	Not Included
Car Rental:	\$50 Per Day / \$1,500 Maximum \$78.27
Loan/Lease Gap:	Not Included
Extra Equipment:	Not Included
Broadened Other Car:	Not Included
Premium Sub-Total	\$2,200.05
Assessments:	MCCA: \$110.00
	OTHER STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS: \$20.75
Total Vehicle Premium and Assessments	\$2,330.80

6 Month Cost: \$2,331

Full Year Cost: \$4,662

What makes up the bill?

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Property Protection:	Included	\$4.00
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Collision	\$ 600	26%
Comprehensive (Theft)	\$ 200	9%
Passengers/MCCA	\$ 381	16%
Personal Injury Protection (Medical)	\$1,150	49%

We know why the medical costs are so high: 1972 statute let doctors and hospitals set own rates

	<u>Medicare</u>	<u>Commercial Ins.</u>	<u>No Fault</u>
CT Scan	\$262	\$419	\$1,821
MRI	\$484	\$770	\$3,259



It's been a 5 year war in Lansing to reduce Detroit's car insurance

2015 Introduced D-Insurance to let Detroit start our own auto insurance company.

Died on Senate Floor.

2017 Introduced Driver's Choice: Guaranteed 20% rate cut for everyone in Michigan.

Defeated on House Floor.

2018 Sued the State of Michigan in federal court for excessive insurance rates.

We started to have success.

In the first hearing, federal judge called no fault law “shameful” Made it clear Lansing had to act.

Detroit Free Press

Detroit mayor sues Michigan over high no-fault auto insurance rates

JC Reinold, Detroit Free Press Published 1:30 p.m. ET Aug. 23, 2018 | Updated 10:33 a.m. ET Aug. 24, 2018



(Photo: Salwan Georges, Detroit Free Press)



Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan is turning to the courts to lower Michigan's highest-in-the-nation auto insurance rates after failing to get the state Legislature last year to back an overhaul of the no-fault insurance system.

Duggan, joined by eight motorists across the state who are also plaintiffs, filed a lawsuit Thursday in

U.S. District Court in Detroit that seeks to have Michigan's no-fault law declared unconstitutional.

The lawsuit, against Michigan's insurance director, asks the court to declare the 1973 no-fault law unconstitutional for failing to produce car insurance rates that are "fair and equitable."

It then wants the court to give the state six months to amend the law so that rates will fall. And if the state can't fix no-fault in that time, Duggan's lawsuit says the court should declare no-fault "null and void" and revert Michigan into a tort-based insurance system, similar to Ohio, Indiana and 36 other states where auto insurance is much cheaper.

Under a tort system, the Democratic mayor said he thinks auto insurance rates in Detroit would be cut in half.

The Detroit News

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Judge calls no-fault auto law 'shameful,' urges Michigan leaders to address it

Christine Ferretti, The Detroit News Published 5:57 p.m. ET Feb. 7, 2019 | Updated 11:28 p.m. ET Feb. 7, 2019



Detroit — A federal judge on Thursday invited state leaders to address Michigan's "shameful" no-fault insurance law during a hearing in a lawsuit that challenges the law's constitutionality.

U.S. District Judge George C. Steeh said he was hopeful state lawmakers would give auto insurance reform more consideration after hearing arguments in a motion to have the case tossed out.

Governor Whitmer Joined with Speaker Lee Chatfield and Majority Leader Mike Shirkey to pass Senate Bill 1



**The new law takes effect July 2nd –
Some rate cuts effective July, 2020 and more in July, 2021**

So do you automatically get a rate cut July 2nd?

Not if you don't act.

**This July 2nd, the biggest rate cuts will be for people
who have health insurance that covers accidents**

Do you have Medicare?

**Insurance Commission Rules aren't out yet,
but we expect card should be enough**



In 49 other states people can use their Medicare coverage for car accidents and don't have to pay a second time with their car insurance

Does your employer health care cover medical costs for car accidents?

You'll need documentation from employer/health insurance company and provide it to your car insurance company.

You can insist on the change July 2nd – even if your policy runs longer than that.

How much will you save?

You could potentially reduce or eliminate your PIP payment

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**I will host a series of 8 town halls in March and April
to help you get ready for July 2nd decisions**



For the 9,000 Active Employees and Your Dependents, the City of Detroit will cover your health care for accidents!



Thank you to the 7 Detroit State Representatives who voted to pass House Bill 4397



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And thanks to all 5 Detroit State Senators who fought for the No Fault Reform Bill !



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Sen. Betty Jean Alexander

As new businesses start up, do Detroiters get a real opportunity at success?

All across the country, Entrepreneurs of Color face real obstacles to success

 Dedrick Asante-Muhammad, Contributor
Senior Fellow for the Racial Wealth Divide Initiative

Stuck From the Start: African Americans and Entrepreneurship

07/20/2017 12:15 pm ET

"Kayla," a cleaning business owner in Mississippi, is stuck in an all too familiar pattern for African American entrepreneurs.

According to the textbooks, Kayla did everything right: she spent years gaining experience, took businesses classes, earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and, after dreaming of owning her own cleaning company, wrote up her business plan. Despite working hard and dealing with many sleepless nights, she has only paid herself twice in five years. Because of barriers that do not allow her to grow her business, her family relies on her husband's salary to make ends meet.

Unfortunately, Kayla is not alone. Her story is far too common for African American entrepreneurs, particularly those from low- and moderate-income households.

The disparity between the success of Black- and White-owned businesses is growing, even as Black business ownership is on the rise, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. The data is startling: Black-owned businesses in the US average \$58,000 in annual revenue, compared to \$546,000 for White-owned businesses. The racial gap between businesses with paid employees, a strong indicator of corporate health, is just as stark. Only 4.2% of African American-owned businesses have paid staff, while that number for White-owned businesses is 42.8%.


My colleagues at [Prosperity Now](#) spent the last year conducting interviews with Black entrepreneurs in North Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi to further explore the challenges African American entrepreneurs face. The researchers spoke to 30 business owners—some newly minted and some with decades of experience—in industries ranging from construction to retail.

These conversations reinforced the reality that racial economic disparities faced throughout the African American community—such as lower income and mass asset poverty—magnify the challenges that most entrepreneurs encounter regardless of their race. This morning, Prosperity Now published a new report, [Stuck from The Start: The Financial Challenges of Low and Moderate Income Entrepreneurs in the South](#), which




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Minority Entrepreneurs Face Challenges in Business Development

 David Kiger — April 2, 2016



All small business owners find themselves with challenges on a daily basis. For minority business owners, there can be additional hurdles to overcome such as different financial matters, professional development obstacles and access to the right kinds of advisers and mentors.

Let's take a look at some of these challenges and explore some resources that can help business owners succeed in today's financial climate.

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In general, women of color face numerous challenges in business. However, while many women have and are making significant strides in the business world, they still grapple with seemingly insurmountable obstacles as entrepreneurs. This is reflected in the dismal percentage of women as angel investors (less than 20 percent), venture capitalists (less than 10 percent) and in female-led startups (less than 5 percent).

Related: 7 Myths About Career Transitions That Are Keeping You Stuck

Can Detroit level the playing field on access to capital? Motor City Match: \$8 million in awards to business start ups



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105 Motor City Match Businesses Have Opened Across Detroit

83% Are Minority Owned: Motorcitymatch.com



We recruited JP Morgan Chase and Kellogg Foundation to lead \$18 Million Entrepreneur of Color Fund



Another 75 Minority Owned Companies have opened or expanded with \$9 Million in loans

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\$9 Million in Loan Funds Available for Minority Companies
Detroitdevelopmentfund.com

Equity for Neighborhoods: Can we open new businesses outside of Downtown/Midtown?



Strategic Neighborhood Fund: \$35 Million from 7 major Detroit corporations only for neighborhoods



Communities Like Royal Oak and Birmingham have great commercial shopping districts



Can we create great business districts built by Detroiters? We Decided to Start on Livernois on the Avenue of Fashion



**Neighbors selected new street design:
No median, wider sidewalks, 3 driving lanes, more landscaping**



The Massive \$17 Million Street Rebuild Caused Real Disruption



City supported businesses with TV and Radio Ads, Free Shuttles – partnering with Councilman Roy McAlister

Detroit launches free park-and-ride shuttle for Livernois businesses

Riders encouraged to patronize shops during construction

The Neighborhoods
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COUNCILMAN ROY McCALISTER JR.



So as we finished, is the new commercial district succeeding?



Fame Brown opened Three Thirteen Clothing last spring



And Roger Hooper opened Hooper's Place Menswear in March



Chef Omar Opened Table No. 2 in April



Jack and Taylor Jones opened Lighthouse Christian Stores in April



Joe David opened The Broadway in July



Dawn Sanford opened Shears & Shaves in August



Fame Brown opened 313 Shoe Doctor opened in September



Kimyana Reece opened ConverZations Banquet Facility in September



Curtis Johnson opened A Woman's Touch Clothing in September



Dhafir Hasan and Charles Micheaux opened Krispy Addicts Clothing in November



Derrick & Ladonna Reynolds opened Good Times in November



Sevyn Jones returned home to open Skin Bar VII in November



Al Bartell's Times Square Opened In December



And the closed B. Siegel Building...



Will be opening this spring by Matt Hessler



Shayna Whiteside will be opening Amora Luxe Hair in the building



Chef Kelly McBride and Ron Bartell will be opening Petty Cash Restaurant this spring



They will join many longstanding Livernois businesses



**When Al Bartell's Red Door Ladies Shoes opened Sunday it was the
16th new business opened since 2019 -
15 of them black owned**



**So are we succeeding in building a successful Detroit corridor?
This was Livernois last Friday Night**



We'll try to replicate the neighborhood success on the newly completed Bagley streetscape in Mexicantown



On the project now underway on Grand River



On Kercheval near Van Dyke



And on West McNichols



**Some projects need tax abatement in order to be possible
– otherwise the jobs would go to other cities or states.**



**The Flex-N-Gate plant got a tax break
And is still paying \$40 million in taxes
and providing 600 jobs**



**Ford got a tax break –
And is still paying \$300 million in taxes
and providing 5000 jobs**

**Every project, big or small, is evaluated on need for a break
On West McNichols, these abandoned buildings have a huge need.**



Marcus Jones wants to bring a 22 employee full sit down restaurant to this boarded up stretch of McNichols



3416 W McNichols Detroit Pizza Bar



2848 Total Sqft
110+ Person Capacity
Full Service Restaurant
Private Dining Room
Roof Terrace
A Full Service Bar




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Energy Efficiency

**But after 10 years of vacancy, there's nothing left inside
Recommending to Council a tax abatement for the project**



So he can open this beautiful restaurant later this year, and spur development for the McNichols neighborhood



Equity: Making sure Detroiters get every chance at city contracts

We announced a fair for potential new blight contractors

Detroit mayor wants more minority, local contractors for city's blight-removal efforts

By VIRGINIA GORDAN • APR 12, 2016

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Detroit mayor Mike Duggan announced plans today to recruit more Detroit-based, minority contractors for the city's expanding blight-removal efforts.

Duggan wants them to help meet increased demand for home demolition and rehabilitation in the city's neighborhoods.

Duggan announced several upcoming fairs to connect contractors with opportunities. The first will be held on May 13 at the Northwest Activities Center at 18100 Meyers Road.

The fairs aim to increase the number of Detroit contractors certified to do business with the city of Detroit and to provide information about how to do business with the city and about a variety of lending opportunities.

"Thanks to an increase in federal funding and the work being done by the Detroit Land Bank and others, we are about to ramp up the work that's already taking place in our neighborhoods," Duggan said in a written statement. "Detroit-based, minority-owned companies will play a key role in Detroit's resurgence and our ability to meet this growing demand."

Minority contractors sought to tear down Detroit blight

APRIL 12, 2016 • AARON FOLEY

A new program announced this week seeks to create opportunities for contractors based in the city.



Brian McKinney, a native Detroiter working in construction in Houston, flew home for the fair



He quit his job in Texas to come home and become his own boss.
He opened his company, Gayanga, and started winning small bids.



**3 years later, Gayanga has achieved great success:
45 full-time employees – 85% are Detroiters!**



We need to demand the same equity in another area: Marijuana retail stores in the City of Detroit



Marijuana was legalized by voters of Michigan and Detroit in November 2018

City of Detroit November 2018 Election Results

Proposal 1 – Legalization of Marijuana

Yes 130,039 69%

No 58,263 31%

What's the situation in Detroit today?

- **40 Medical Marijuana dispensaries now legally operating.**
- **Only 4 are owned by Detroiters – 90% live outside the city.**
- **90% of suburbs are refusing to allow marijuana shops in their cities.**
- **Detroit has to decide whether approve recreational shops here.**
- **Applicants for new licenses are largely outside Detroit or Michigan.**



Councilman James Tate has led on this issue

An enormous amount of wealth will be created in Detroit – Detroiters should get a fair share of that new wealth

Councilman Tate and I are in agreement on four principles of equity:

- 1) Detroit voters approved marijuana and should be able to purchase it in the city.**
- 2) Everyone now operating under a medical marijuana license can keep that license – no one will lose what they have.**
- 3) For all retail licenses going forward, 50% of all future licenses will be awarded to Detroiters.**
- 4) This applies to all future licenses for medical marijuana, recreational marijuana, and marijuana microbusinesses.**

As new people move in, how will we protect housing affordability for those who never left?

For cities that failed to prepare, people of low income have been forced to the streets

San Francisco



Rising housing costs are a critical issue nationally Denver, Colorado



Austin, Texas



Rochester, New York



Miami, Florida



Portland, Oregon



In Detroit, we had 10,000 affordable housing units at risk – Expiring federal tax credits meant lower income residents could be out

- 1) We created an affordable housing lending fund – and raised \$25 million from philanthropy.**
- 2) We've already preserved 4,000 affordable units for an average of 20 years. On our way to preserve all 10,000.**
- 3) We've built 900 new affordable units and will reach 2,000 by 2024.**
- 4) All new units with city subsidies build 20% affordable – Council Member Mary Sheffield has been a great partner in this initiative.**

147 Units at Restoration Towers

Affordability preserved through 2062





350 Units at Parkview Tower & Square

Affordability preserved through 2036





96 Units at Northlawn Apartments

Affordability preserved through 2070





232 Units at Central Towers

Affordability preserved through 2035





200 Units at Van Dyke Center

Affordability preserved through 2036





151 units at Morton Manor

Affordability preserved through 2033





80 units at Pablo Davis

Affordability preserved through 2065





165 units at Kamper Stevens

Affordability preserved through 2032





236 Units at Cathedral Tower

Affordability preserved through 2065





53 Units at University Meadows

Affordability preserved through 2065





74 units at Ryan Court Apartments

Affordability preserved through 2038





17 Units at Hartford Village

New units built





54 units at City Modern

New units built





46 units at Parker Durand

New units under construction





19 units at Transfiguration

Construction starts in Spring





36 Units at Gratiot Central Commons

New units built





26 units at Saint Rita

New units built





61 units at Woodbridge Estates

New units built

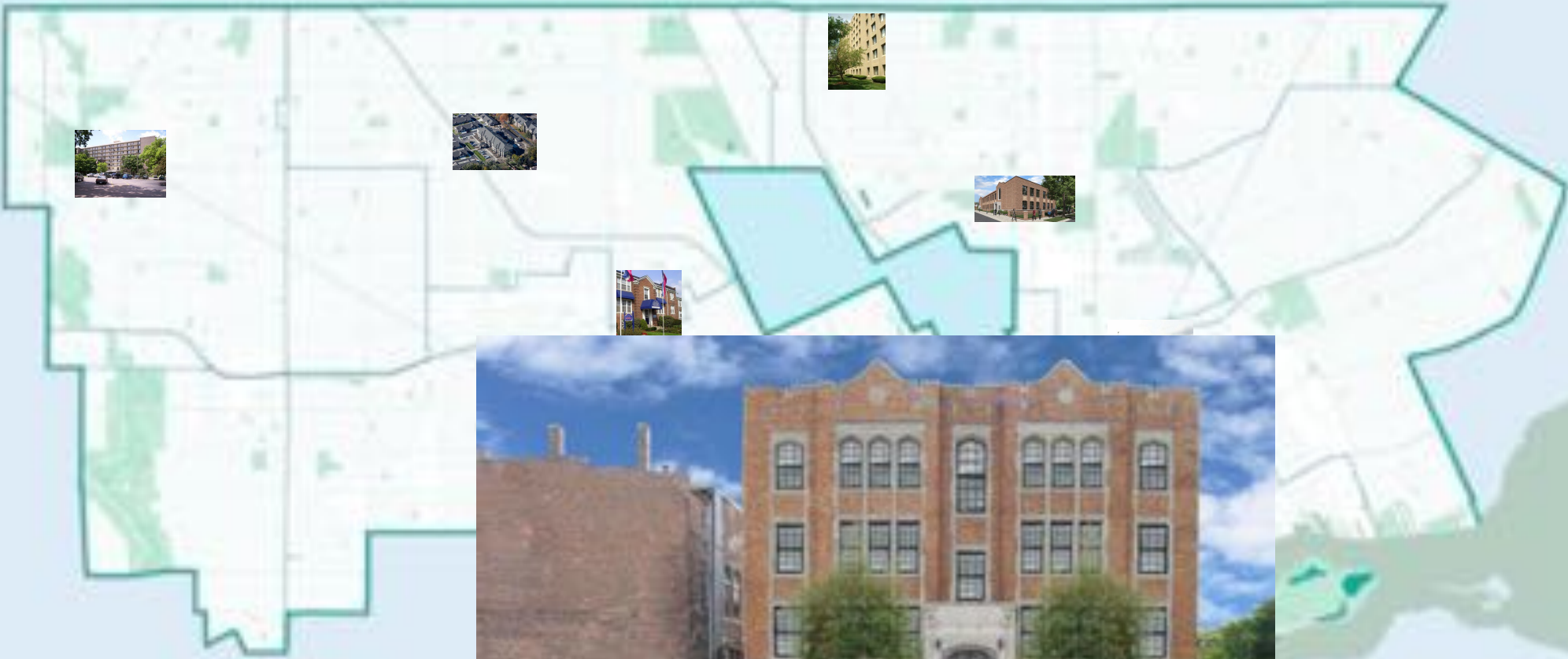




12 units at Marlborough St. Apartments

Under construction

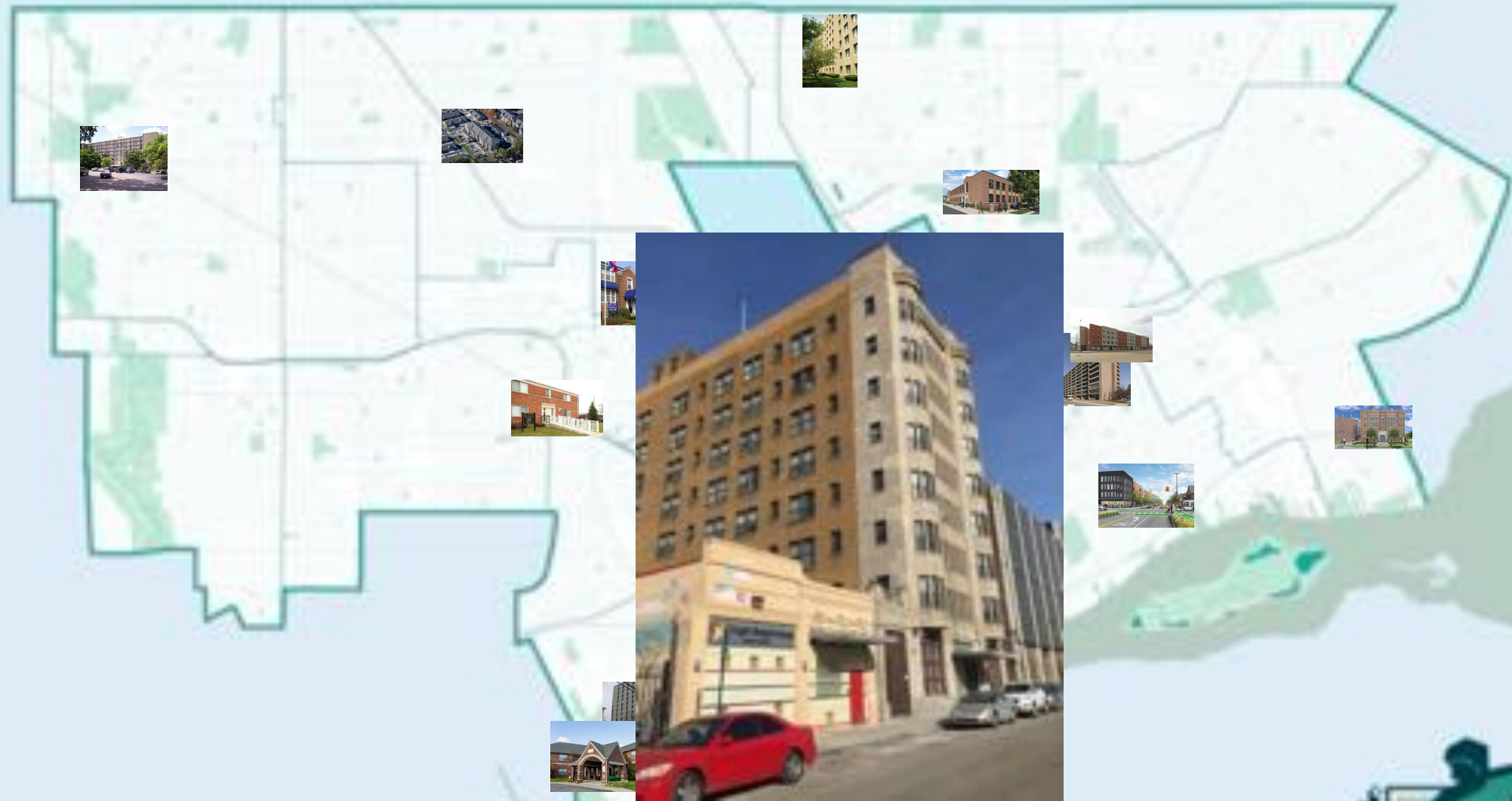




56 units at cots Peterboro Arms

New units built





**4,000 Units Preserved
900 New Units Constructed**

**2,000 More Expected
in 2020**



More Affordable Housing: Detroit Land Bank Rehabs

Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA)
THE DLBA HOUSE TOUR!

Homes for Sale in the Osborn Neighborhood

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 FROM 11AM-3PM

Also tour 13700 Maple Ridge - purchased from the DLBA and rehabbed by Osborn Neighborhood Alliance!

FEATURED HOMES

- 12854 Hickory
- 12886 Hickory
- 12873 Hickory
- 18940 Westphalia

Interested in buying a home or scheduling a viewing? Go to buildingdetroit.org

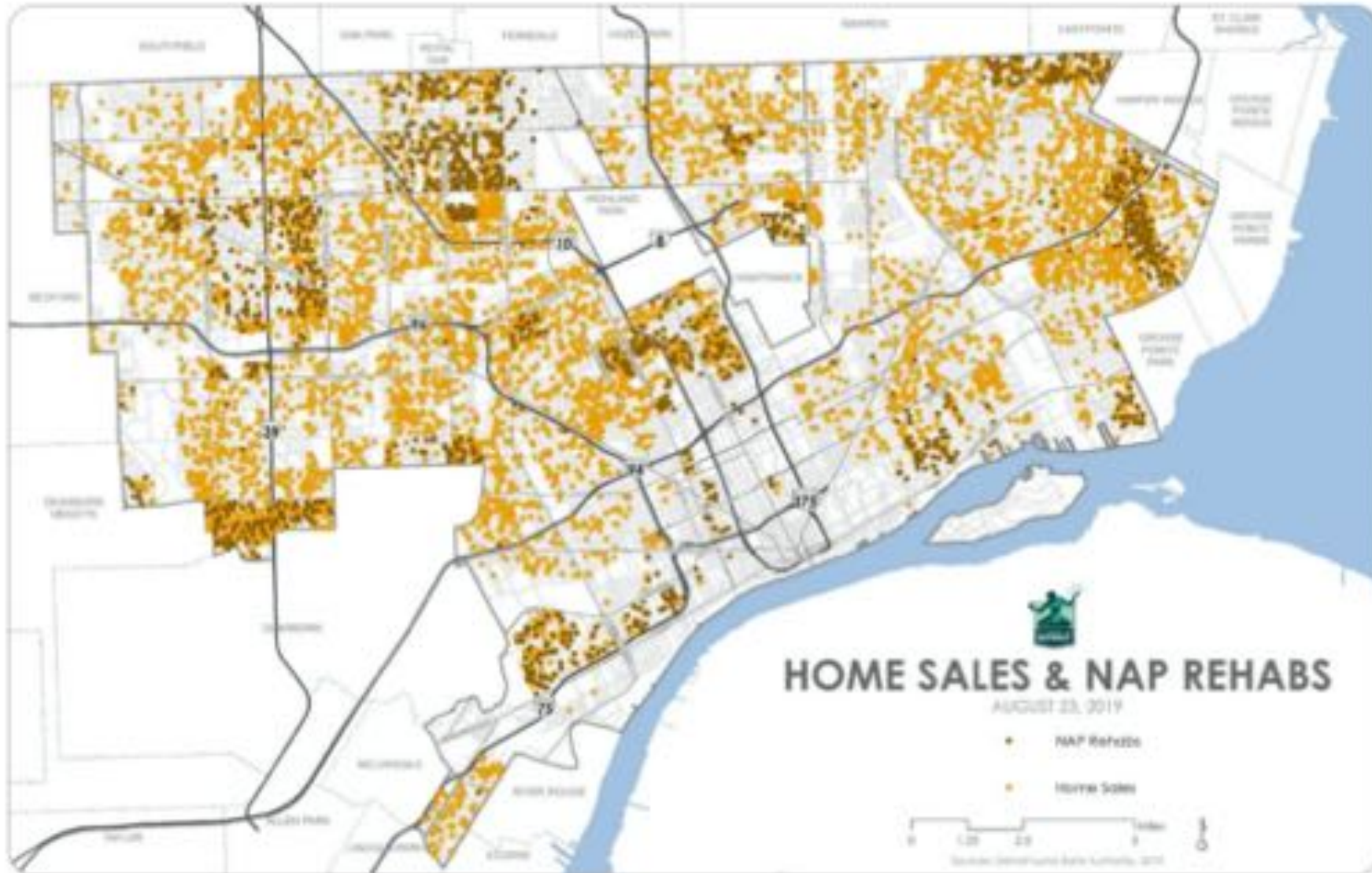
Have any questions? Call the DLBA at 313-874-4888

Homes MUST be renovated and occupied after purchase.

FIRST 10 VISITORS TO EACH OF THE FOUR FEATURED DLBA HOMES WILL GET A COUPON FOR ONE FREE VIEWING AT ANOTHER HOME (NORMALLY \$30)



9,000 houses saved from demolition have been renovated across Detroit



We have great partners like Pastor Arric Wilkerson and Up From the World Church on Puritan



**Pastor Wilkerson looked down Santa Rosa and
saw two dozen abandoned houses**



So he started buying them



And then began fixing them up and renting them to
Congregation members for \$500 a month



He has now completely renovated 25 homes



Restoring an entire neighborhood



If we're going to keep people in their homes, we must prevent foreclosures

Detroit Free Press

Detroit home tax foreclosures: Why they've dropped dramatically

Kat Stafford, Detroit Free Press Published 12:27 p.m. ET July 13, 2018 | Updated 6:50 p.m. ET July 13, 2018



(Photo: AP)



Tax foreclosures of owner-occupied homes in Detroit have dropped 89 percent since 2015, officials announced Friday, continuing a downward trend across the city.

Preliminary numbers released by the Wayne County Treasurer's Office show that Detroit's owner-occupied foreclosures have fallen from 6,405 in 2015 to 708 at risk this year.

"We have no prospect of increasing the population in this community if we keep losing people through foreclosure," Mayor Mike Duggan said at a Friday news conference. "Treasurer Eric Sabree has been the most aggressive ... you've got a treasurer who's doing everything he can to keep people in their houses."

According to officials, tax foreclosures of all city occupied homes, including renter-occupied, is down 84 percent since 2015, with 1,517 homes at risk this year, down from 9,111 three years ago.

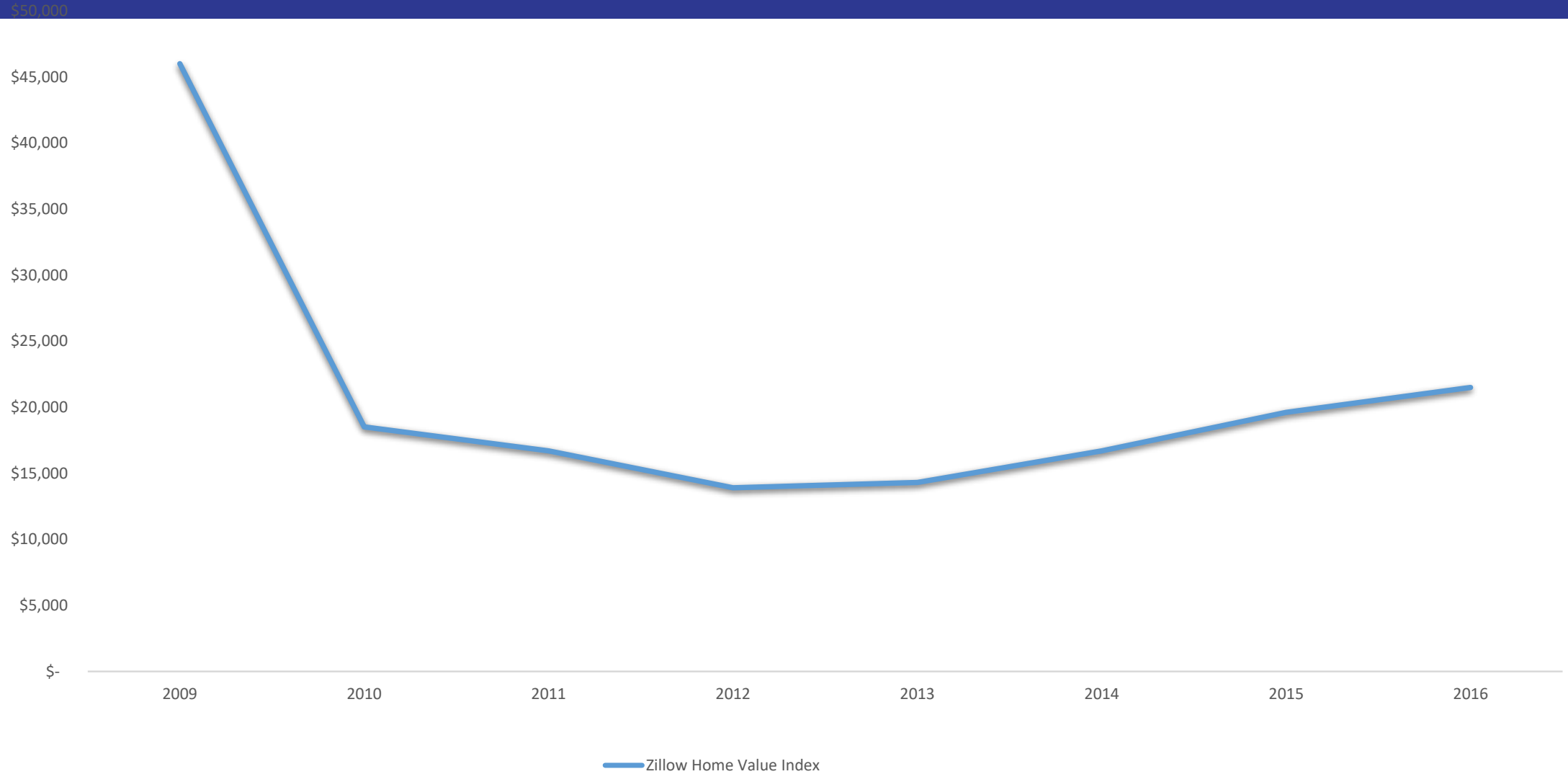
Overall, residential tax foreclosures, which also includes vacant properties, are down 81 percent since 2015, down to 4,709 at risk in 2018.



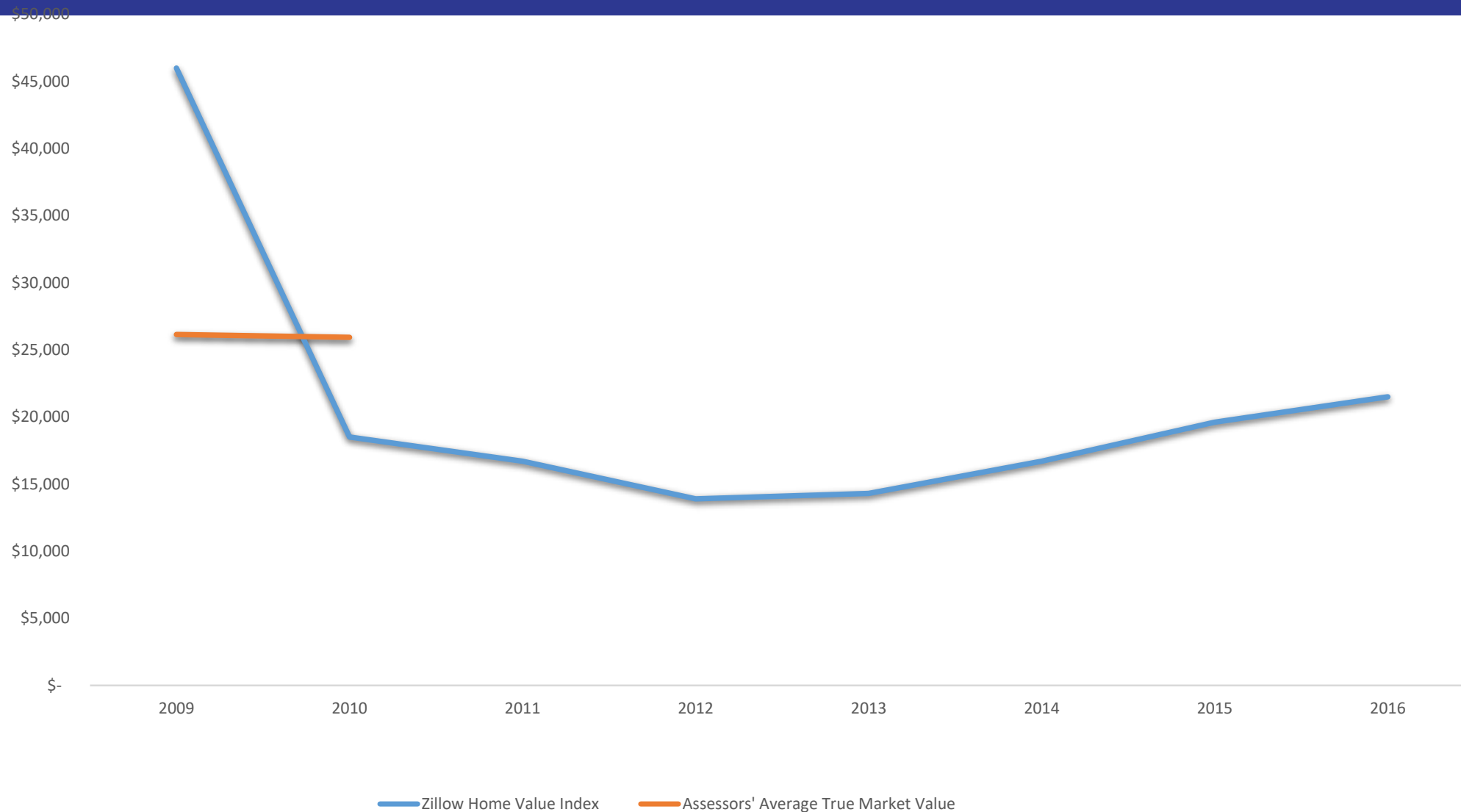
Thank You to United Community Housing Coalition and the 42 Agencies who have teamed with us to successfully fight foreclosures for the last 6 years

The History of Detroit Assessments

Home Sale Prices in Detroit dropped 60% from 2009 to 2010



2010 Assessor's Values for Property Taxes Were Not Reduced Enough



2011: Assessor's Values in Detroit Dropped, but Home Prices Fell Faster



Legend:  (shaded area) Zillow Home Value Index  Assessors' Average True Market Value

In 2010-2011, tax appeals exploded across the state because communities didn't reduce assessments fast enough

It pays to appeal tax assessments

As metro Detroit home values plummet, many residents are getting breaks

By JOHN WISELY
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

Ralph Gartner knew the tax assessment on his Bloomfield Township home was too high last year, so he appealed it.

With a real estate agent's help, Gartner documented comparable homes that had sold for far less than what his was valued at in his assessment notice. After he presented his findings, the local board of review agreed and reduced the taxable value of his house by \$59,650.

"It was a reduction of \$300 a month in what I pay," Gartner said. "It was worth fighting for. We're going to go again this year, and we're going to follow the exact same process."

Communities across metro Detroit will begin their boards of review this week, at which homeowners and business owners can protest their property taxes. With market values plunging, property owners are eager for reductions. Assessment notices mailed in recent weeks show market

declines across the state, but many people still feel the taxman has their home overvalued.

Experts expect almost all homeowners to get a reduction, the question is how much?

"Taxable values are going to go down just by operation of the law," said David Nykanen, a Birmingham real estate lawyer who specializes in tax appeals. "Unless you built something new, it's going to go down."

MOST HOMEOWNERS WILL GET ASSESSMENT REDUCTIONS. 11A

My house is worth what? HOMEOWNERS SEEK RELIEF FROM TAXES



PATRICIA BEOG/Detroit Free Press

Janice Paluch, 49, of Harper Woods returns home last week after appearing before her city's Board of Review to appeal the property tax assessment on her home. Review boards across Michigan have heard thousands of stories of unfair treatment.

By JOHN WISELY
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

Property values across Michigan fell hard in 2009, reducing tax bills with them, but many homeowners wanted more.

So, in city and township halls across the state

member offered candy or throat lozenges to those making appeals.

Watching the process, as three Free Press reporters did, it was clear how hard it is to dis your home when you want it to be worth more; it's just as hard for local governments reeling from lost



Record numbers protest tax bills

BUSINESS OWNERS SEARCH FOR RELIEF

By JOHN WISELY
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

A record number of Michigan property owners are appealing their assessments to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, a wave that could bring relief to thousands of property owners — but one that also could decimate the budgets of local governments, schools, parks and libraries.

TAX TRIBULATIONS

Assessment disputes to ease this year

By Greta Gust
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

The large flood of homeowners fighting their tax assessments after the housing market crashed is expected to subside somewhat this year.

Still, homeowners like Todd Mackery, a Macomb Township man who lost his appeal on his 10, 000-sq-ft home after a two-year wait, said he might try another appeal.

He doesn't understand why he's paying more than his neighbors who have identical

But as the housing slump began in earnest in 2007, tax assessments skyrocketed and reached a peak in 2009 as home prices plummeted, according to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Mackery, 38, appealed his assessed value of \$400,000 in 2009. The assessed value represents roughly half of the market value. His local board of review lowered it to \$400,000, but that was still much higher than the \$42,500 he thought it was worth. So he then appealed in 2009 to the Michigan Tax Tribunal and waited.

Last November, the tribunal rejected his appeal. Meanwhile, the city had reduced his

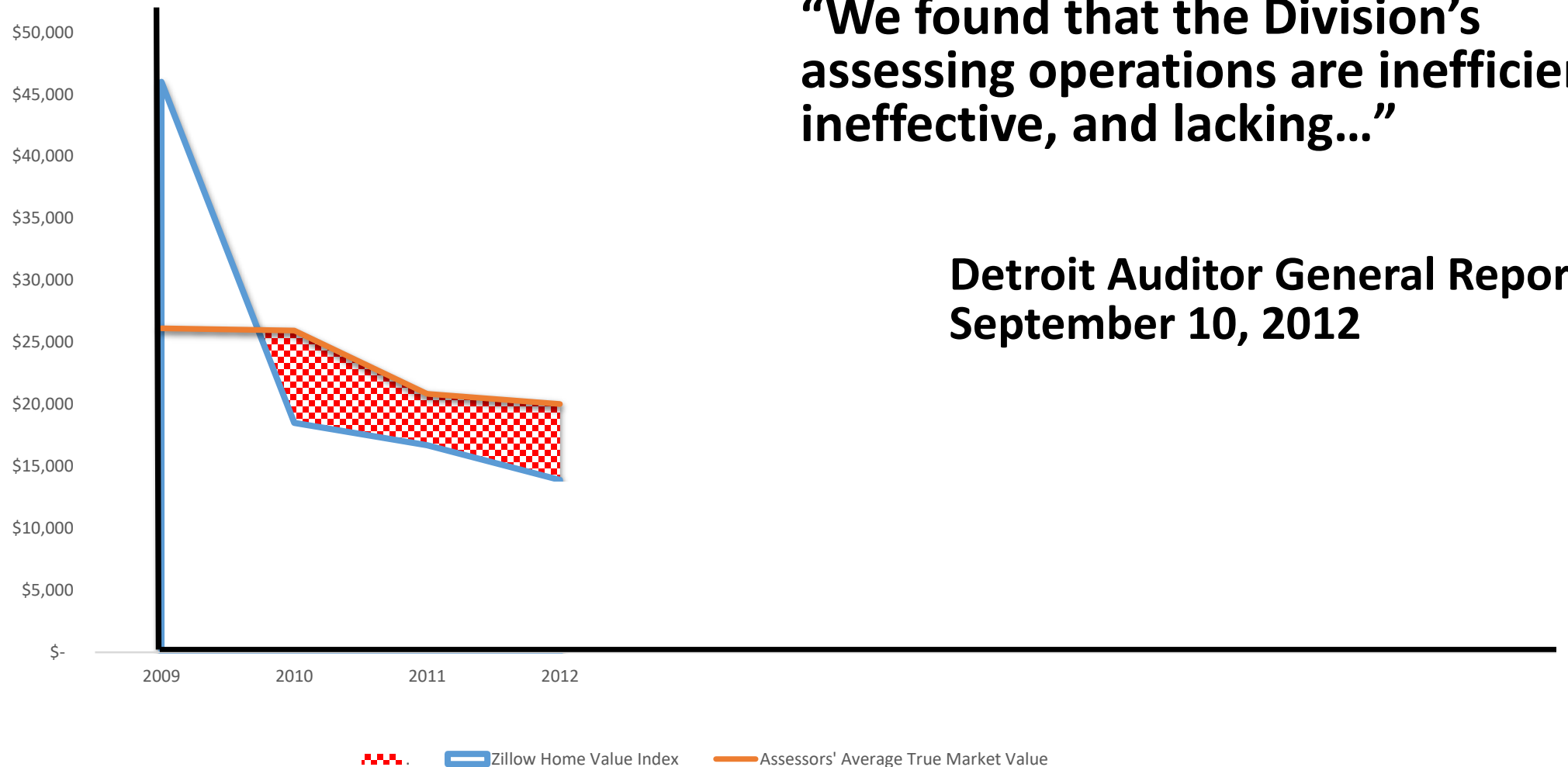


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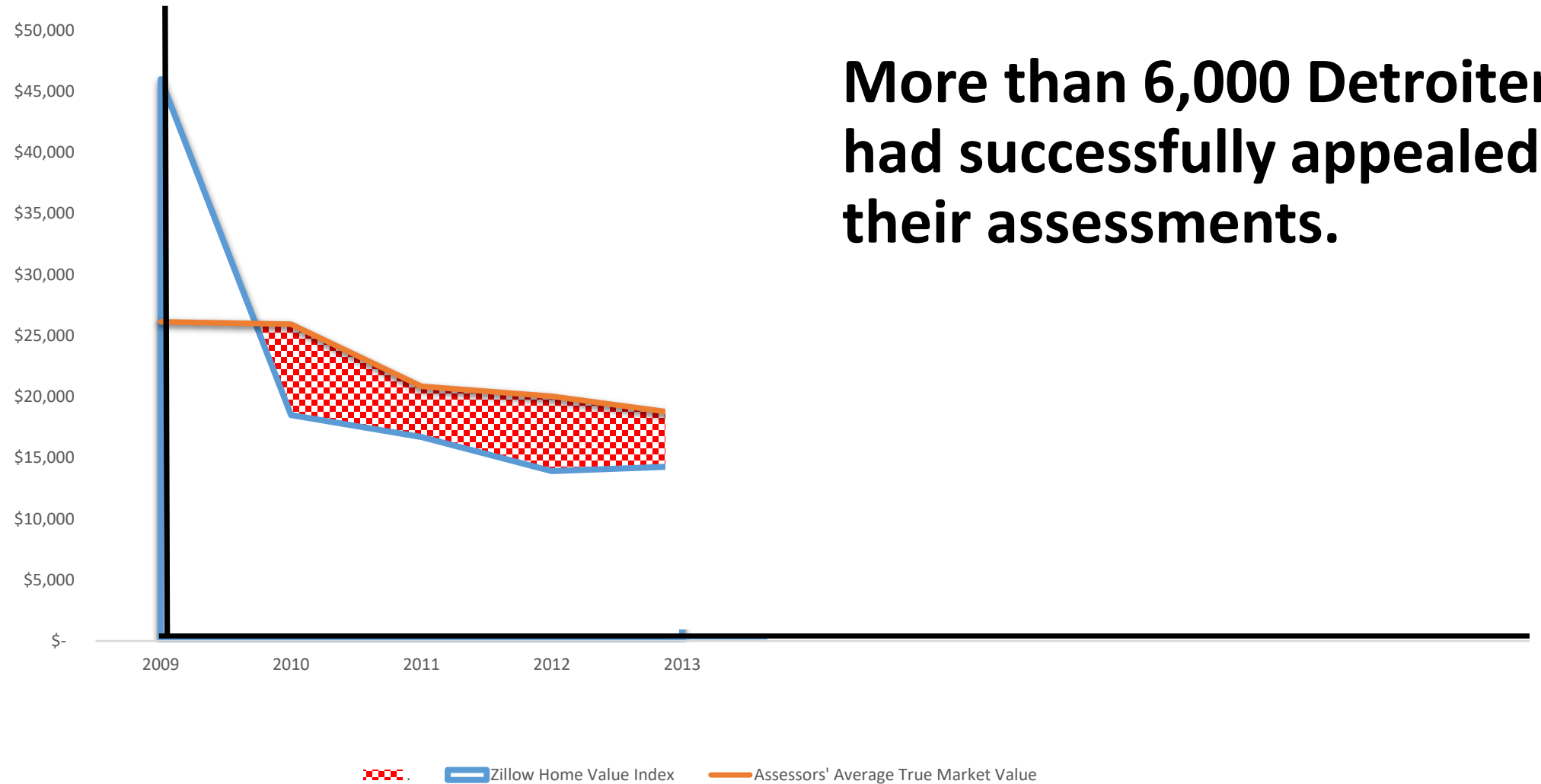
In 2012, Detroit still didn't drop fast enough. 5,000 Detroit homeowners had successfully appealed.

“We found that the Division’s assessing operations are inefficient, ineffective, and lacking...”

**Detroit Auditor General Report
September 10, 2012**



In 2013, the Problem Continued: Central Issue in the 2013 Mayoral Campaign



In January 2014, Detroit Cut Tax Assessments 22%

Duggan Takes On Detroit Property Taxes: "Assessments ... Have Been A Source Of Great Anger"

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Mike Duggan announces that Detroiters can expect new assessments on their homes. (WWJ/Joel Hewett)



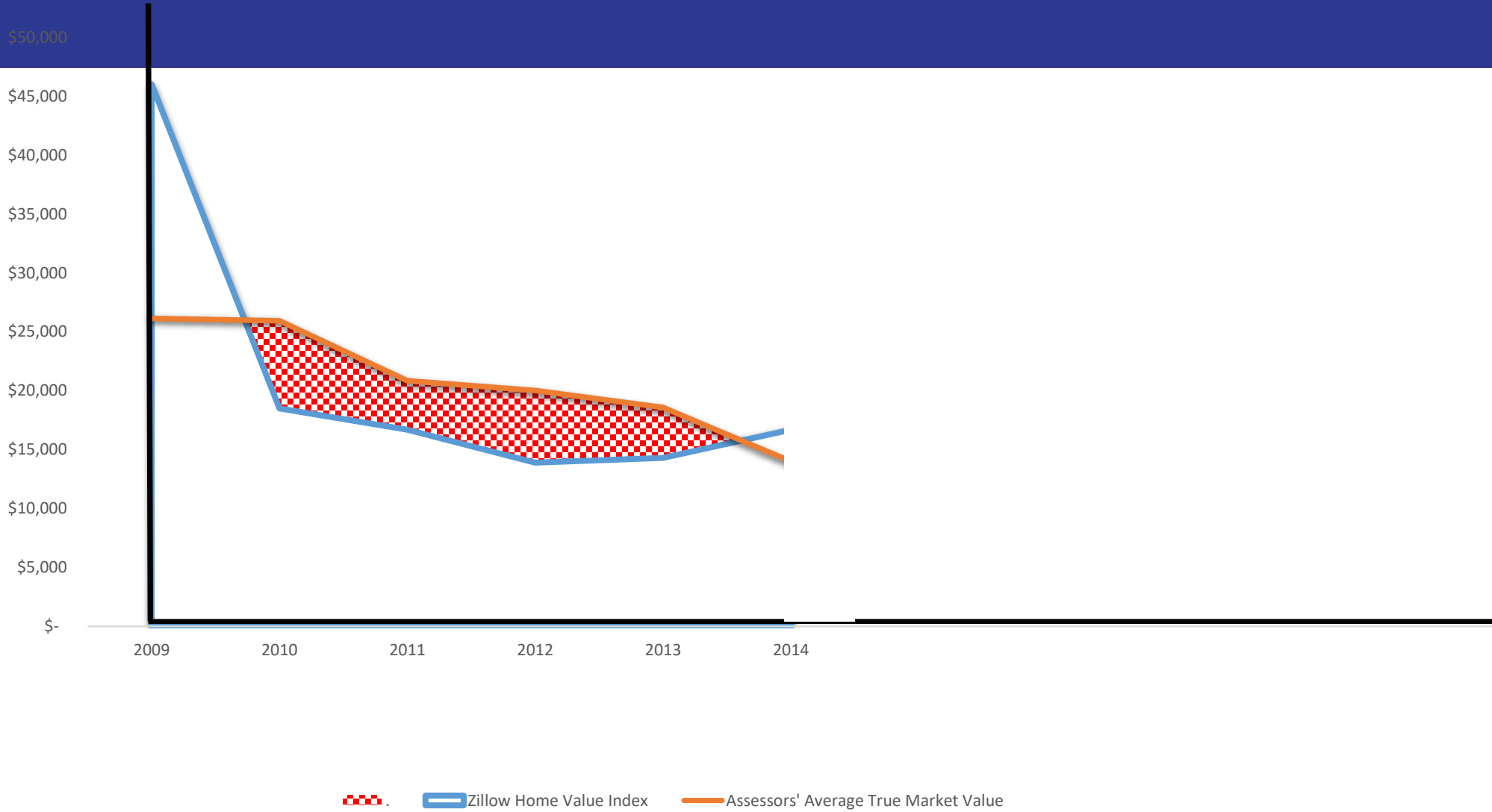
DETROIT (WWJ) - A few weeks ago at his Inaugural Address, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan urged those thinking of moving out of the city to "give him six months" to change their mind.

"The assessments in this town have been a source of great anger for Detroiters," said Duggan. "In the worst case they have forced people from their homes."

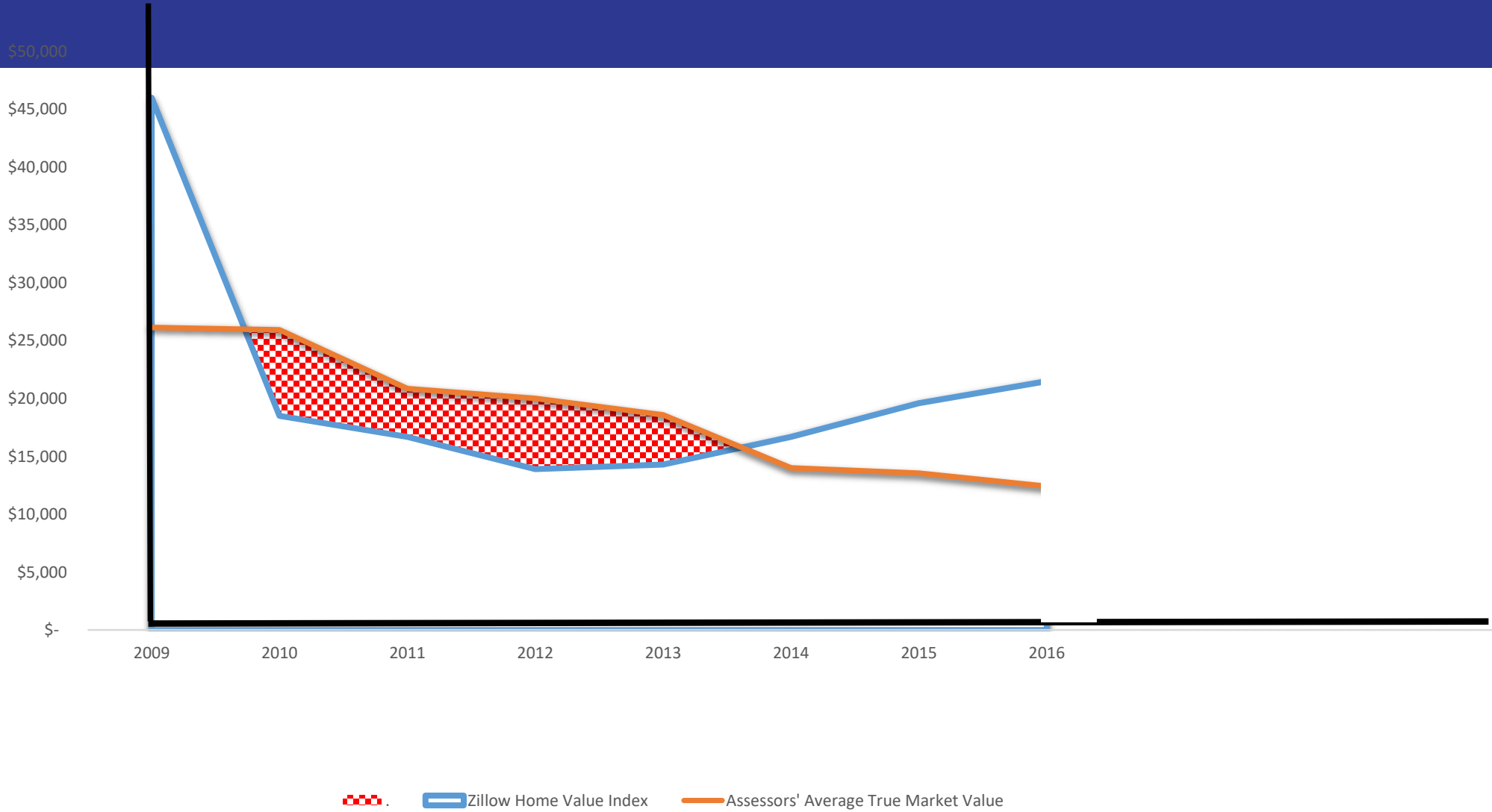
"Many of these assessments have not been fair. In the worst cases, they have forced people from their homes. This realignment of tax assessments is long overdue."

**Mayor Mike Duggan
January 27, 2014**

In 2014, City Assessor's Average Dropped Below Home Prices



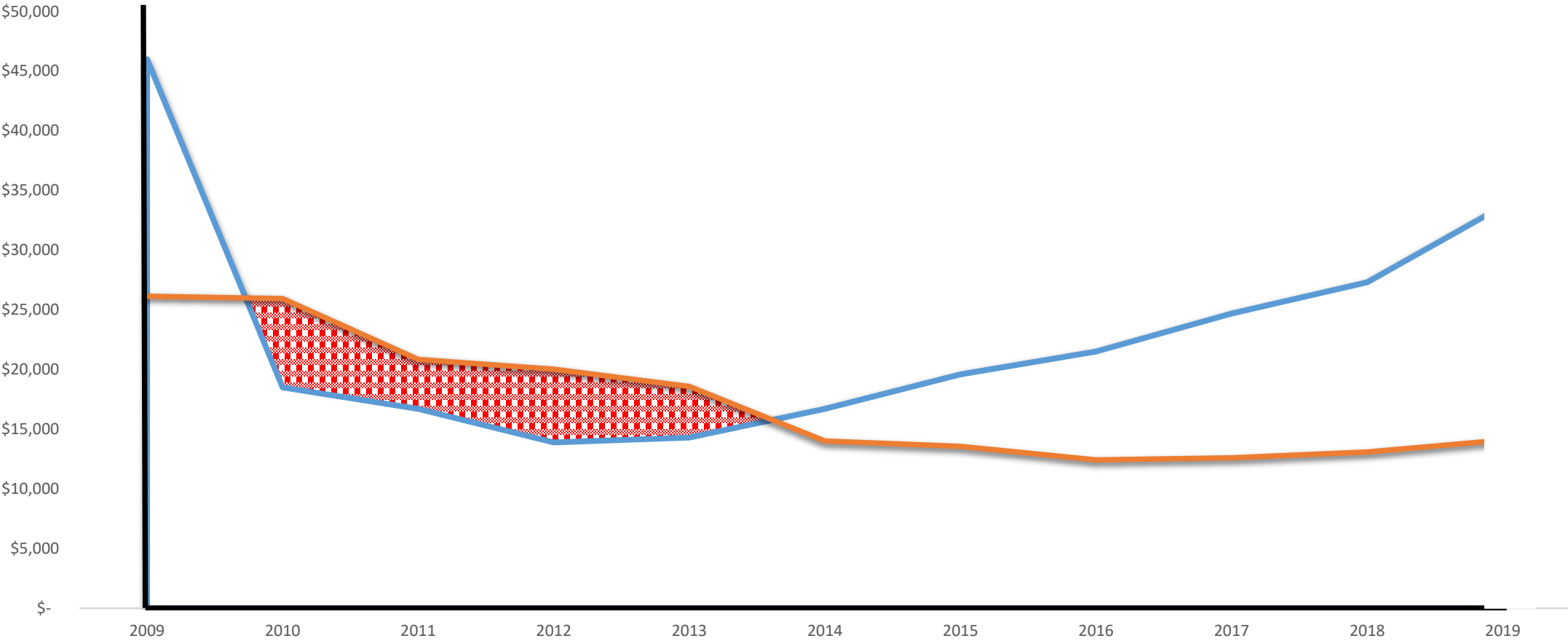
Detroit Home Sale Prices Have Climbed Above Assessor's Value Since



Where Did The Property Tax Payments Go?

Public Schools	43%
City of Detroit	37%
Wayne County	10%
Others (WCCC)	10%

Today Detroit home sale prices well above assessor's average – Homeowners should always compare their house to the average



Legend: (shaded area) Zillow Home Value Index Assessors' Average True Market Value

**The City faced a crisis in 2015 –
Wayne County foreclosed on 5,800 owner-occupied homes**



Successfully led effort in Lansing to pass House Bill 5882 – Allowed homeowners to stay in home with 10% down payment



New law to help families facing property tax foreclosure

On January 14, 2015, Governor Snyder signed a new bill to help homeowners, especially in Detroit and Wayne County, stay in their homes.

Elizabeth Martínéz, [Michigan State University Extension](#) - February 10, 2015

In a move to avoid an upcoming tax foreclosure crisis, primarily in Wayne County and Detroit, the Michigan legislature passed a new bill allowing county governments to negoti

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Reforms pushed for \$500 foreclosure auction

[Christine MacDonald and Joel Kurth](#), Published 11:30 p.m. ET Oct. 21, 2015 | Updated 2:22 p.m. ET Oct. 22, 2015

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STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- In the past 10 years, Wayne County has processed 110,000 foreclosures.
- Advocates for the poor say

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Earl Jones went from homeless to homeowner three years ago, buying a tax-foreclosed house for \$500 on Detroit's east side that nobody wanted.

The 64-year-old added plumbing, fixed the roof and secured a grant to buy a furnace and hot water heater. He could lose it all this spring over a \$4,500 tax bill Jones probably never had to pay.

Jones didn't know he qualifies for a poverty exemption that waives property taxes, and the city has valued the house at 44 times its purchase price. If [Wayne County](#) forecloses, Jones predicts the



15,000 Detroiters enrolled in payment plans and avoided foreclosure the first year



City partnered with dozens of community groups to go door-to-door to help those at risk of losing their homes



WELCOME CANVISSERS!

Canvassers from neighborhood organizations across the city are knocking on doors to raise awareness of property tax foreclosure. Read more about the Neighbor to Neighbor effort at N2NDetroit.org.

Contact the United Community Housing Coalition, for tax foreclosure counseling and resources:

2727 2nd Ave, Suite 313, Detroit | (313) 963 - 3310

Walk - in Hours: Mon, Wed, and Fri. 9am - 12pm

PROJECT: RESURGENCE
WALK TO DEFEND OUR NEIGHBORS

Join District 7 Councilman
GABE LELAND
AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

For a tax foreclosure prevention walk
Saturday February 28, 2015
@ Don Bosco Hall
19321 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI 48228
Arrive for training and assignment at 9:30am or 11:30am
Volunteer Drivers, Walkers and Phone-Bankers needed

- Share important info Door to Door
- Point those facing tax foreclosure in the right direction
- Help neighbors get the advice and information they need to save their homes.
- Help people to know their rights

Homeowner Payment Plan Deadline is March 31, 2015

RSVP at <http://bit.ly/foreclosurevolunteers>
For more info call 313.224.2151 or email LelandG@detroitmi.gov

LET'S PREVENT HOME FORECLOSURES!

In 2016, Quicken Loans Community Fund supported renters program More than 1,000 Renters have now bought their homes

Nearly 600 Detroiters Becoming Homeowners Thanks to Partnership Between Quicken Loans Community Fund, United Community Housing Coalition and City of Detroit

- As of today, nearly 270 Detroiters have already received deeds to their new homes
- Renters at risk of displacement because their landlord failed to pay property taxes are now offered an opportunity to own their home
- Quicken Loans Community Fund also announcing investment into UCHC for grants and zero percent interest loans to Make It Home participants to use on home repairs

DETROIT, March 16, 2019 – The Quicken Loans Community Fund hosted a celebration today for Detroiters who, through the Make It Home program, were able to purchase the homes they had previously rented, saving them from the tax foreclosure process. Additionally, the program provides a helping hand to former homeowners who lost their properties to tax foreclosure despite being eligible for property tax exemption. Today's event marks the awarding of more than 220 deeds to the initiative's latest participants, in addition to the more than 60 it received theirs last year.

The Make It Home program was piloted in 2017 after the Quicken Loans Community Fund, the United Community Housing Coalition (UCHC) and 35 other community organizations undertook the Neighbor to Neighbor program, an unprecedented campaign to reach out to all Detroit residents in tax delinquency. Through Neighbor to Neighbor, community organizations knocked on more than 60,000 doors, and as a result, the group identified renters as a particularly vulnerable population in the tax foreclosure crisis.

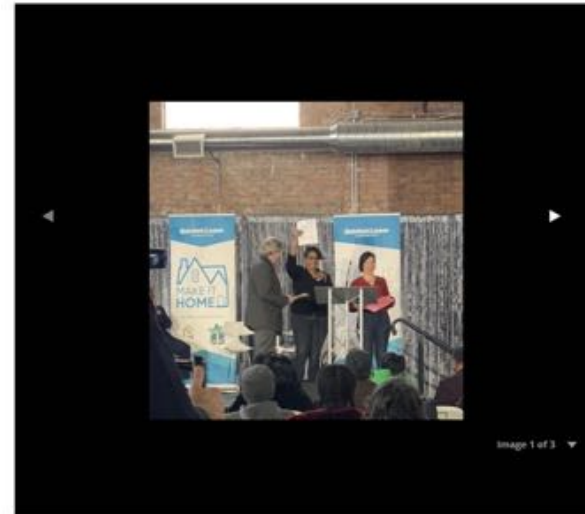
Despite making monthly payments, many Detroit renters are unaware that their landlord isn't paying their property taxes or that their property is in imminent danger of tax foreclosure. To keep these renters in their homes, the Quicken Loans Community Fund, City of Detroit, and UCHC identified a creative solution to change the lives of these Detroit residents: Make It Home.

Over the last two years, the Quicken Loans Community Fund has provided \$1.3 million in grant funding to UCHC. Because of this investment, the City of Detroit was able to purchase a combined 580 homes out of the Wayne County tax foreclosure auction process and transfer the properties to UCHC. Through the program, UCHC then worked with each renter or owner-occupant to sell them the property for prices ranging between \$2,000 and \$6,000. Additionally, all payments from Make It Home participants are kept by UCHC in order to expand the program in future years.

"As the nation's largest mortgage lender, Quicken Loans understands the value of homeownership and the stability and pride that it brings to family and a community," said Bill Emerson, Vice Chairman of Quicken Loans. "The Make It Home program is a vital tool for both the city and

Make it Home program, helping Detroiters at risk of eviction achieve home-ownership

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Detroiters getting deeds to homes they thought they lost to tax foreclosure

Allie Gross, Detroit Free Press | Published 6:00 a.m. ET March 16, 2019 | Updated 7:17 a.m. ET March 16, 2019



Shalandra Jones-Scott address the room at a United Community Housing Coalition contract meeting on Oct 11 2018. Detroit Free Press

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Hundreds of Detroiters are getting the deeds to homes they thought they had lost to foreclosure.

Apply Now for Free.

APPLY NOW

In 2017, Land Bank launched Home Again – 800 occupants of foreclosed houses bought them back for \$1000



Buyback program by Land Bank lets people own houses they were living in

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Wine prices slated to dwindle over excess grape supply, experts say



How have the foreclosure efforts worked?

Total foreclosures of occupied houses down 94%

Owner Occupied Houses Foreclosed in Detroit

2015	5,810	
2016	3,543	
2017	786	
2018	387	
2019	357	- 94%

More foreclosure prevention help in 2020 – City extended poverty exemption to higher income

**You may be eligible for full or partial
exemption from property taxes if:**

- **Individual making less than \$22,357**
- **Family of four making less than \$31,930**
- **If you file request for exemption by
March 28, Treasurer will stop
foreclosure process.**

Those with poverty exemption get interest and penalties waived under new PAYS legislation passed in Lansing last week

**Sponsored by Representative Wendell Byrd
Supported by County Exec Warren Evans**



**Special Thank You to Council Member
Janeé Ayers for Lansing Testimony**



Go to Detroitmi.gov for assistance with property taxes – Let's help keep you in your home

DETROIT OPPORTUNITIES



FIND A JOB
Visit a Detroit Action Center center.



OWN A HOME
Find your dream home through the Detroit Land Bank.



PAY FOR COLLEGE
Free college education with Detroit Promise.



GET A FRESH START
Own your dream home with Project Clear Start.

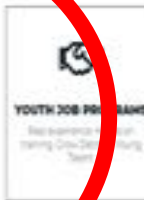
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HELP WITH PROPERTY TAXES
HPTAP and other programs help with your taxes.



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Get experience and training. Get paid for your training.



REHAB YOUR HOME
Detroit's repair centers help Detroit homeowners.

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HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HPTAP)

If you cannot pay your taxes for financial reasons, you may be able to reduce or eliminate your current year's property tax obligation with the Homeowner's Property Tax Assistance Program (HPTAP).

Residents who apply before March 21 and are approved, will have their tax exemption applied to their summer tax bills. Application are accepted until December 14. Apply today!

What is a HPTAP?

HPTAP stands for Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program. It is also referred to as the Poverty Tax Exemption, "PTE" or Hardship Program. HPTAP provides an opportunity for homeowners to be exempt from their current year property taxes based on household income or circumstances. If approved, you will still be responsible for any fees such as the solid waste fee.

Do I qualify?

Eligibility for the HPTAP is based on whether you own and occupy your home as your primary residence and your household income or circumstances. Please review the income levels listed below. Most homeowners whose income is below the guidelines are generally approved.

If your income is above the guidelines, you may still qualify for an exemption. If your income is above the guidelines, please provide additional information about your household circumstances to allow the Board of Review to make an informed decision. Only the Board of Review may approve an application.

2020 HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HPTAP)

INCOME GUIDELINES

Number in Household	Maximum Income for Full (100%) Exemption	Maximum Income for Partial (50%) Exemption	Maximum Income for Partial (25%) Exemption
1	\$17,236.00	\$19,859.00	\$22,357.00
2	\$20,799.00	\$23,336.00	\$25,703.00

How do our children get fair educational and recreational opportunities?

Detroit Promise: Detroit was first major city to guarantee college tuition to all Detroit high school graduates



And now Wayne State is offering free tuition to all accepted Detroit students



More 1,400 Detroiters are attending college with scholarship funds from Detroit Promise

A Detroit resident graduating from any High School in Detroit is eligible:

- 2-year scholarship for anyone accepted by a community college.
- 4-year university scholarships for those with 3.0 GPA and 21 on ACT.

Apply online at [Detroitpromise.com](https://detroitpromise.com)
or call 313-596-0478



Stephen Ross is donating \$100 Million to build a Michigan graduate school in Detroit on land donated by Dan Gilbert

Stephen M. Ross gives \$100M to launch construction of UM's Detroit Center for Innovation

Posted Feb 21, 3:36 PM



A rendering of the University of Michigan's plans to construct the Detroit Innovation Center on the former site of a failed Wayne County Jail project in Detroit on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019. Jacob Hamilton

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We will make sure Detroit children and DPSCD benefit immediately. Working with CEO Warren Evans for school partnerships and summer camps as children have today in Ann Arbor

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A need-based scholarship to support middle and high school students' participation in summer experiences.
Eligibility: Michigan Residents Only
Applications: Feb 1, 2020
Locations: Ann Arbor, MI
Questions? umw@umich.edu



Summer Engineering Exposure Camp (SEECamp)
SEECamp is a one-week, leadership camp for early high school students offering explorations of architectural design.
Application Due: February 28, 2020
Program Dates: July 19-25, 2020
Apply Today! Rising 8th, 9th, and 10th graders



ArcStart
ArcStart is a three-week, long-term program for high school students offering explorations of architectural design.
Application Due: March 15, 2020
Program Dates: July 12 - July 27, 2020
Apply Today! High School Students



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SCEEP introduces current high school students to engineering disciplines through exciting, hands-on challenges.
Application Due: April 1, 2020
Program Dates: July 22 - August 1, 2020
Apply Today! Current 10th graders



Electrify Tech Camp
Electrify Tech Camp consists of ten-weekend summer programs for high school students.
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Applications: Early 2020 (coming soon)
Location: Led Zeppelin North Campus

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ADARL is a one-week, long-term program for high school students offering explorations of architectural design.
Application Due: April 1, 2020
Program Dates: July 5 - July 17, 2020
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BFA Preview is a three-week, long-term program for current high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.
Application Due: April 1, 2020
Program Dates: July 5 - July 27, 2020
Apply Today! Current 9th, 10th, & 11th graders



3D Explorations | Stamps School of Art & Design
3D Explorations is an introductory three-dimensional design camp for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade high school students.
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This camp features virtual experiments with experiential work to engage high school students in current biotech breakthroughs.
Apply Today! High School Students
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Location: Led Zeppelin Undergraduate Science Building

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Coding, game development, robotics, and design for kids and teens



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For over 20 years, we've guaranteed small class sizes, the best tech-savvy and forward-thinking curriculum, producing stunning results. When you work best, it's ID Tech or nothing.

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Michigan Pre-College and Youth Outreach Conference

Postsecondary institutions play a valuable role in communities by educating students, but they also serve communities by offering programs to inform, engage, and inspire youth to pursue postsecondary education. Bringing together leaders in education, workforce development, and government across the state, the annual Michigan Pre-College and Youth Outreach Conference celebrates and casts a spotlight on this important function within Michigan's postsecondary institutions.

More information about the Michigan Pre-College and Youth Outreach Conference michiganpcc.org

The single biggest advantage we can give our children is full day pre-k for all 4 year olds

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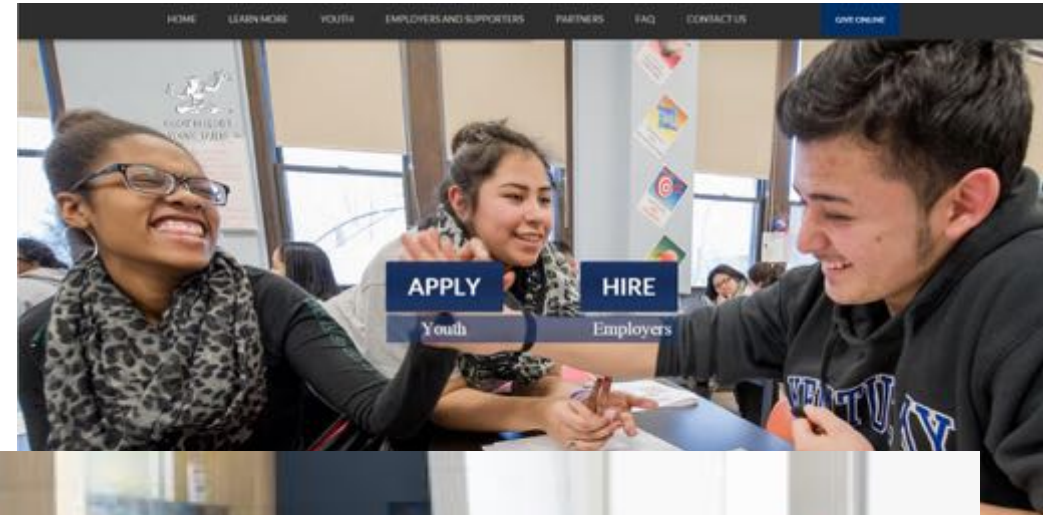
Mayor cheers as Michigan's governor recommends universal free pre-K in Detroit

By Koby Levin February 6, 2020



Children in a Great Start Readiness Program Classroom, which would see a funding increase under Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's proposed budget.

Grow Detroit's Young Talent: 8,200 Young People Were Employed Last Summer



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Keeping our children safe – Doubling Detroit's Animal Control Enforcement



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Detroit Animal Control Dedicated Number: 313-922-DOGS

- **Now have 7 Day/Week Patrols
7:00am – 7:00pm**
- **24/7 emergency response**
- **Doubled the number of Animal Control Officers and Investigators**
- **Doubling the size of the animal shelter**
- **Council President Brenda Jones led adoption of tougher ordinance with classification: “Reckless Dog Owner”**

Expanded Detroit Animal Shelter



Keeping our children safe in the streets: Installed 400 speed humps since 2018.



We will be installing 800 more in the next two years, covering all Detroit schools and parks.



Rebuilding City Parks

Remember in 2013 When Parks Were Closed Across City?



Detroit's Goal: Every Detroit child should be able to walk or bike to 1st Class park in 10 minutes



Southwest's Detroit's Sak Park looked like this Now it looks like this



Viola Liuzzo Park had been neglected for years Now it looks like this



Littlefield Park had been abandoned With the help of the Pistons, it's been rebuilt



The Pavilion Area of Riverside Park looked like this

Now it looks like this



Riverside Park looked like this

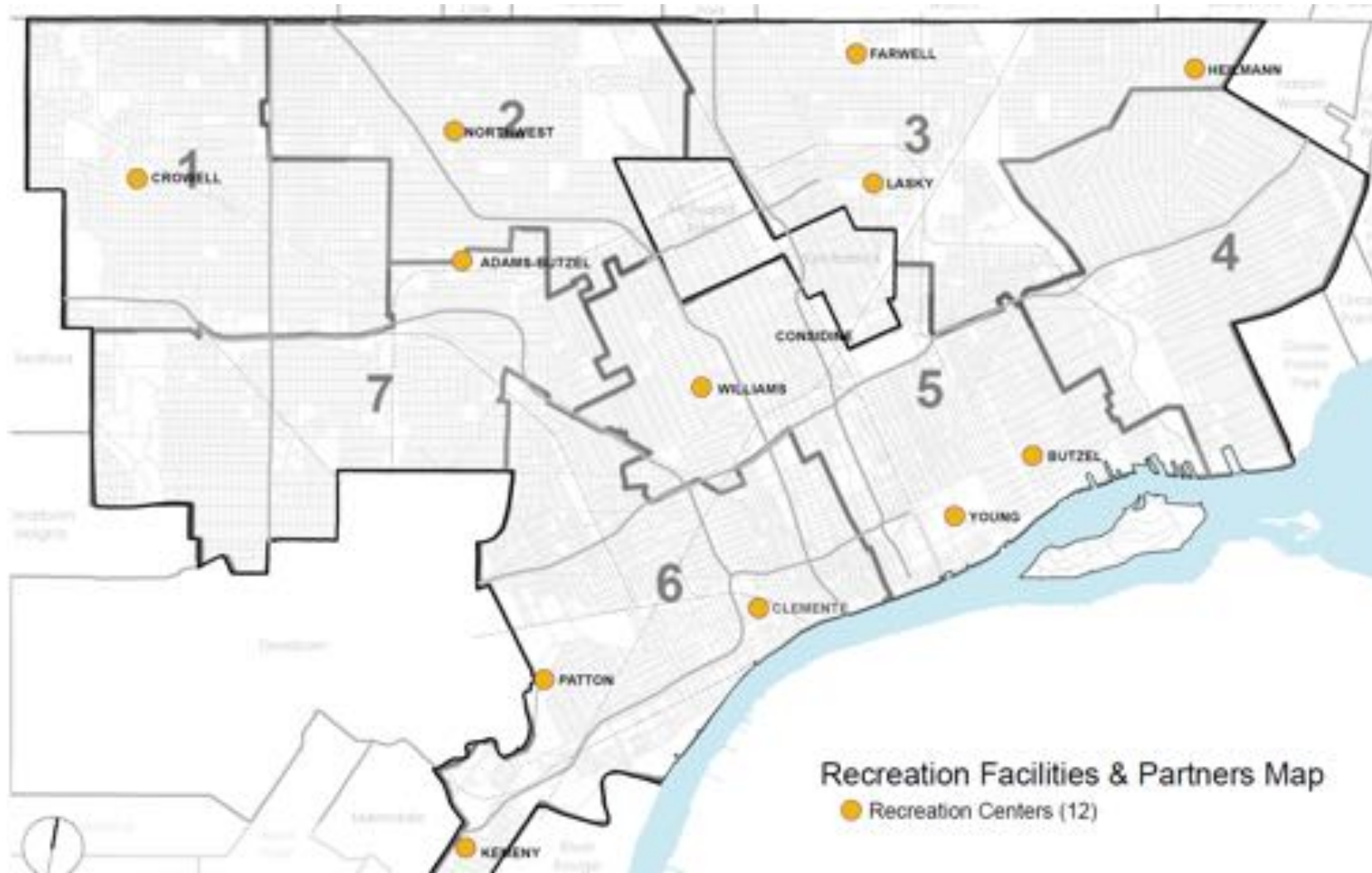
The new park looks like this



So what about summer recreation for our children?
Since the 1980's, Detroit closed more than 20 rec centers



Leaving only 12 recreation centers for our children



In 2017, we partnered with DPS to add 12 more centers



DETROIT SUMMER FUN CENTER



A partnership of the City of Detroit and Detroit Public Schools Community District

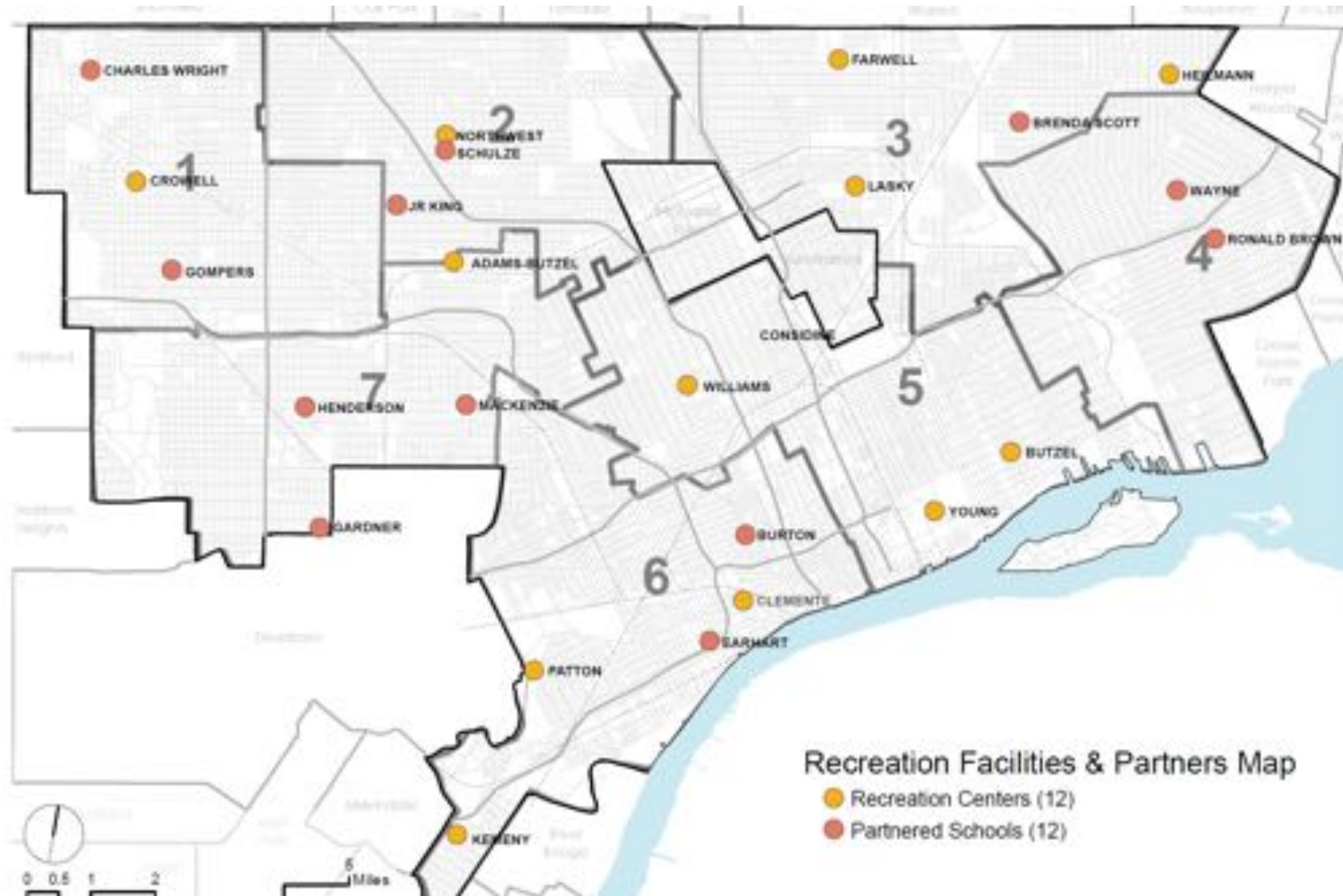
July 10 - August 11
Monday-Friday • 8 am-6 pm



REGISTER TODAY AT www.detroitmi.gov/recreation



Bringing us to 24 Summer Recreation Centers It was still not enough



There are churches all across Detroit with underused gym/recreation space



So we put out a call to our churches for this summer - And 13 signed up!



**City of Detroit
Creating More
Summer Youth
Opportunities
in 2020.**



**Your Faith Based Organization can become a
SUMMER RECREATION HOST SITE**

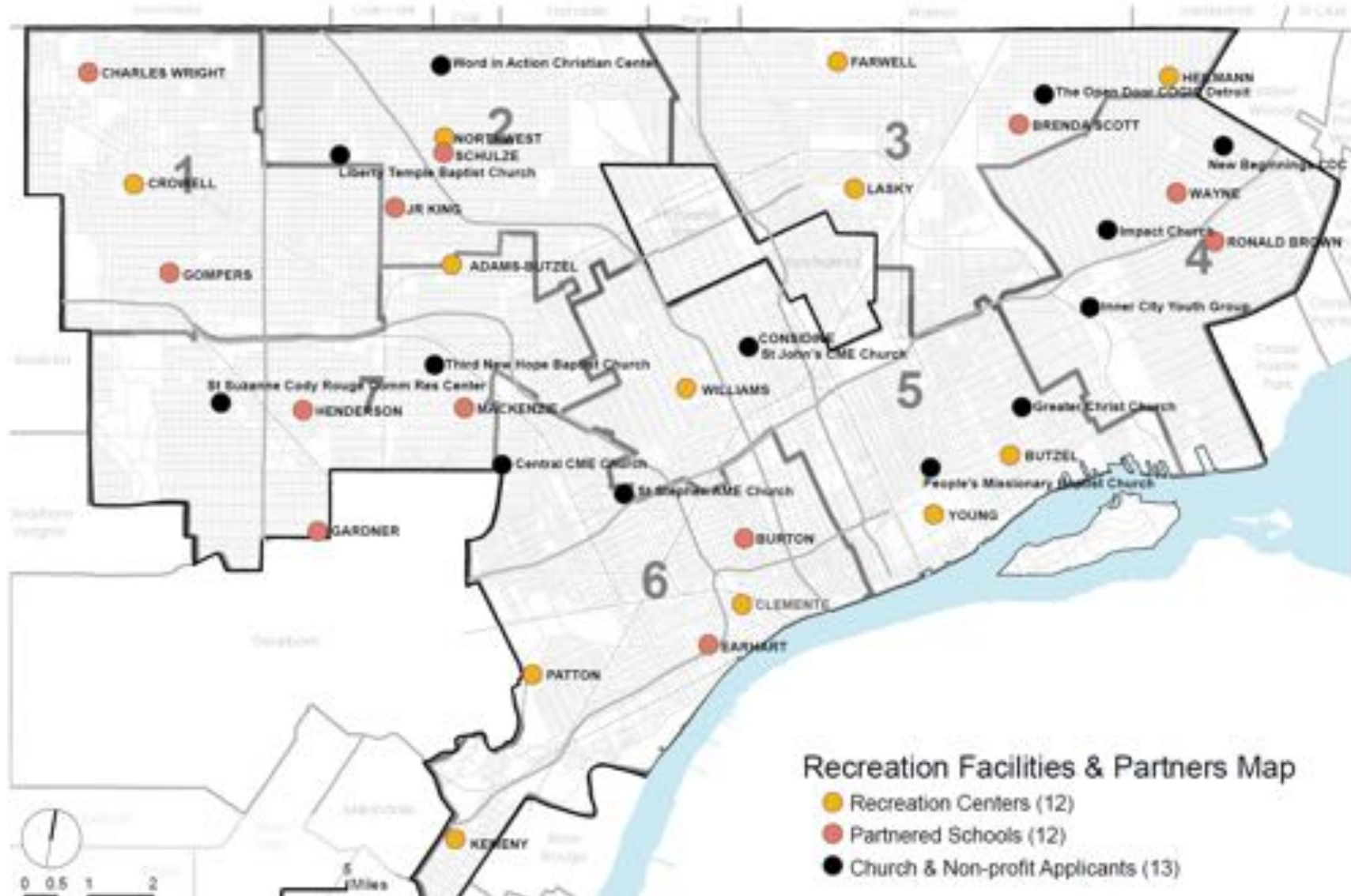
The City of Detroit is adding **20 Summer Recreation Host Sites** in neighborhoods, and looking for Faith Based organizations and non-profits to join us!

The City of Detroit will provide:

-  **\$20,000 in Funding**
A one-time \$20,000 grant for program related capital improvements. Must be pre-approved, and prior costs before grant award are not eligible.
-  **Staffing Support**
1 supervisor plus up to 4 play leaders.
-  **STEAM Focused Curriculum**
Literacy, athletics, and STEAM programming provided.
-  **Daily Meals and Snacks**
Two meals and a snack per day per attendee.

More information on the back

37 Recreation Centers Open this Summer from June 15th-August 24th, M-F 8 AM – 6 PM



On public safety, we need to continue to get DPD more support



IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN HERO



Ofc. Rasheen McClain

12th Precinct

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End of Watch

November 20, 2019

Partner:

Philippe Batoum-Bisse

We've had initiatives and partnerships that have brought some successes

- Nearly 700 Greenlight Locations have cut city carjackings 50%**
- County Executive Evans, Sheriff Napoleon, Prosecutor Worthy have joined in a successful fugitive apprehension effort**
- U.S Attorney Matthew Schneider and feds provide major assistance in Project Ceasefire and gun prosecutions**

Our goal: hire 400 more police officers over the next year
Our equity question: who will make up our police force?



We have been rebuilding DPD since we left bankruptcy – increasing staff and pay

Budgeted DPD Positions

2014 2,969

2017 3,115

2019 3,337 +368

PO Starting Salary

2014 \$29,352

2017 \$35,900

2019 \$40,700

2020 \$42,000

If you're not sure you're ready to jump into a 6 month police academy, we've created new cadet classification



So whether you want to go right to the academy
or begin as a cadet, go to joindetroitblue.org



MORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.
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Detroit will not be treated fairly for the next 10 years if we're not counted in the census

- The Federal Government allocates \$675 Billion in 132 programs based on census count.
- Funding for Medicaid, School Lunches, Special Ed Funding, Police and Fire
- In 2010, Detroit had the worst census return rate of any city in America.
- Undercount cost our community at least \$300 million in last decade.



Your census information is confidential for 72 years – Federal crime to release it to any other agency before 2092

- **Census forms will be out in March**
- **10 questions will take less than 10 minutes**
- **It does not matter what your Driver's License says: Please fill out your census where you regularly eat and sleep.**

Finally – Special Thank You to Vezzo, Kash Doll and the Detroit Complete Count Committee



Kash Doll
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“THE 2020 CENSUS IS FOR EVERYBODY. PERIOD.”

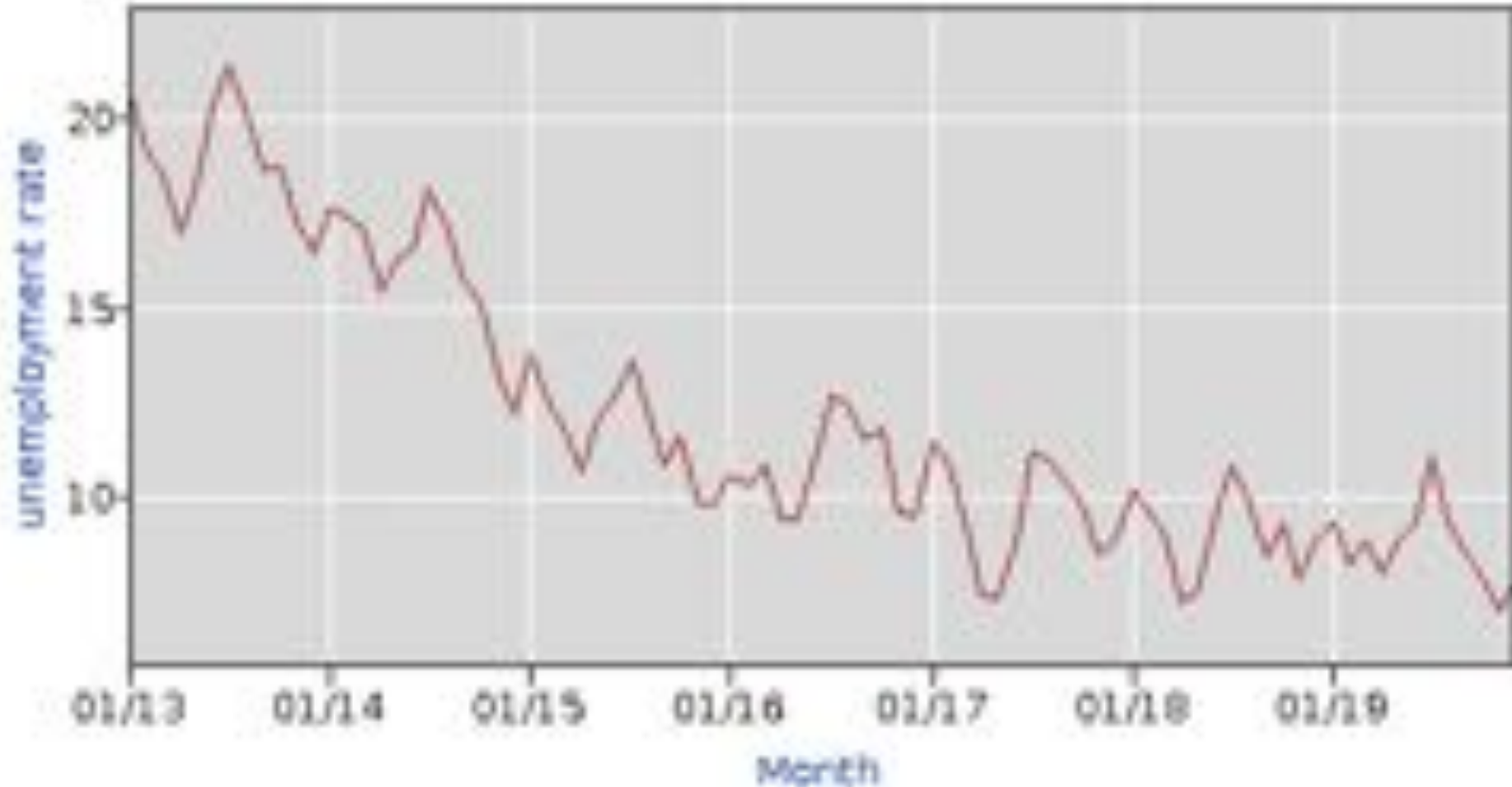
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Census 2020

As companies return to Detroit, who gets the jobs?

Since 2014, Detroit Unemployment Rate has dropped from 18% to 7.7%



Can we build a city where there is a job for every Detroiter who wants one?

Half of these jobs require post-high school training



So how do we support Detroiters to fill these jobs?

8 Detroit at Work Career Centers Now Open



1. **Career Center – E. Seven Mile** 14117 E. Seven Mile Detroit, 48205
2. **Career Center – Meyers** 18100 Meyers Detroit, 48235
3. **Career Center – W. McNichols** 24424 W. McNichols Detroit, 48219
4. **Career Center – Michigan Ave** 9301 Michigan Ave. Detroit, 48210
5. **Career Center – West Warren** 16427 W. Warren Detroit, 48228
6. **Career Center –Collingwood** 2470 Collingwood Detroit, 48206
7. **Career Center – Bagley** 2835 Bagley Detroit, 48216
8. **Career Center – Conner** 5555 Conner Detroit, 48213

Detroit at Work in your neighborhood!

New Career Center at 2470 Collingwood St



¡Encuentra un trabajo aquí!

**Nuevo Centro de Profesión
2835 Bagley Street**



Providing training in 28 different fields that are now hiring



Want to work at Henry Ford's new Cancer Center?



**Henry Ford Cancer Center
2800 West Grand Boulevard**

Or the 200 Jobs in Ciena's new nursing home?

Skilled-nursing and rehab center opens on Vernor Highway

Candice Williams, The Detroit News | Published 6:51 p.m. ET Feb. 20, 2020



Ciena Healthcare celebrated Thursday the grand opening of its newest skilled-nursing and rehabilitation center in Detroit, the first to be built in the city in at least 35 years.

Regency at Chene is a 160-bed facility at 2296 E. Vernor Highway. The project cost \$23 million and took about two years to complete.

"I've been building new buildings throughout the state, but Detroit is where I got my start and my very first nursing home on East Grand Boulevard..." said Mohammad Qazi, president of Ciena Healthcare. "Now we're in five states and we have 80-plus buildings, but I've always been wanting to build in Detroit."



Staff members give guests tours of the new Regency at Chene skilled-nursing and rehabilitation center in Detroit. (Photo: Todd McInturf, The Detroit News)

Qazi was joined Thursday by officials including Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, City Council members, local business and representatives from the offices of U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow and Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.



We have great health care training programs



Looking for a job in the tech industry?



Or in hospitality in the new hotels and restaurants?

Shinola Hotel holding career fair for several open positions

Posted: 7:34 PM, Sep 10, 2018 Updated: 8:21 PM, Sep 10, 2018

By: Cara Ball



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New \$46M AC hotel in Midtown Detroit will include Bonstelle Theatre restoration

JC Reed, Detroit Free Press Published 10:50 a.m. ET Feb. 11, 2020 | Updated 7:33 p.m. ET Feb. 11, 2020

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The planned 10-story, 153-room AC Hotel next to the Bonstelle Theatre. (Photo: Roxbury Group)

Construction could begin this summer on a 10-story, \$46 million hotel project along Woodward in Midtown Detroit that will incorporate the old Bonstelle Theatre.

Detroit-based developer Roxbury Group announced Tuesday that it has an agreement with Marriott International to open a 153-room AC Hotel in the planned building, which would go up at Woodward and Eliot Street, next to the Bonstelle Theatre, on a lot that is now a parking lot.

The developer [previously planned](#) to put a "West Elm"-branded hotel on the site, but that didn't happen. The AC Hotel project is expected to open in late 2021 and will include restoration of the Bonstelle, which will connect to the hotel with a glass-enclosed conservatory and be converted into conference and event space and a bar.

The Roxbury Group has a long-term lease of the Bonstelle from Wayne State University.

We have those training programs too



Want to Work as a Detroit Firefighter?
First on scene as medical responders 10,000 times in 2018
Next class this summer



The Construction Industry?



We're running pre-apprenticeship training now



4 major unions have now committed that a minimum of 25% of their apprenticeship classes are Detroiters

Carpenters and Millwrights

Plumbers Local 98

**International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers 58**

Laborers Local 1191

**Council President Brenda Jones
has led Skilled Trade Task Force**



**The Carpenters and Millwrights are building a
150,000 sq ft training center on I-96 in Detroit**

Their Goal is to train more than 1,000 a year in Detroit



Want one of the 5,000 jobs at the new FCA Plant?



**For the first 2500 jobs, we held job fairs for Detroiters last year
3500 Detroiters have already passed tests and being interviewed**



Councilman Andre Spivey has been a leader in recruitment



**FCA has now started the process of hiring the next 2500
Detroit At Work is recruiting Detroiters to fill those too**



Need Your GED?

Detroit at Work will be partnering with DPS to offer classes



Concerned About Language Barriers?

We support you in Spanish, Arabic, and Bengali



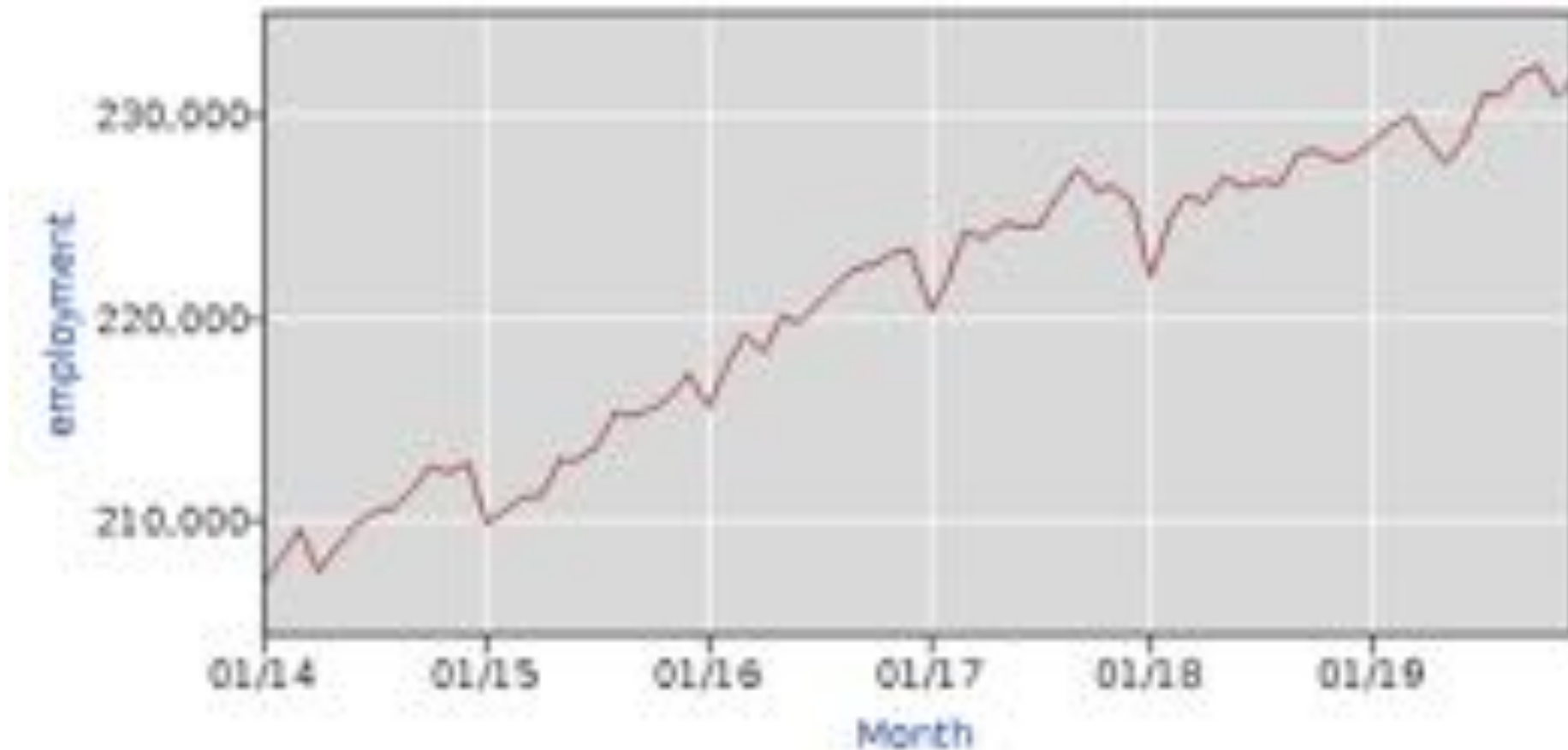
Need a criminal record expunged? The City of Detroit will be your lawyer

Council Member
Janee Ayers has
led the Returning
Citizen Task Force



The screenshot shows the Project Clean Slate website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for BUSES, DEPARTMENTS, GOVERNMENT, JOBS, PAY, WATER, and language options: ENGLISH, ESPAÑOL, BENGALI, العربية. A search bar is also present. Below the navigation is a large graphic of a scale of justice. The main heading reads "PROJECT CLEAN SLATE" in a large, stylized font. Below this, the text says "Where are you? Home > Law Department" followed by "PROJECT CLEAN SLATE" and "YOU may be eligible for a free expungement!". A link "here" is provided for the expungement screening request form. The text explains that Project Clean Slate is an initiative of Detroit at Work and the Law Department to help residents get their criminal records expunged. It also states that the service is free to all eligible Detroit residents and that an attorney will be paired with the user to review their criminal record and start the application process. On the right side, there is a "CONTACTS" section with information for Julia Rhodes, Project Manager, and the Law Department's office location and hours. At the bottom, there are buttons for "Attorneys on site to assist you" and "Expungement Eligibility Requirements", and a "DEPARTMENTS MENU" section with a link for "Project Clean Slate Training FAQ".

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Can we build a city that is blight free – Where no neighborhood is left behind?

In too many neighborhoods, you can look down one block and see this



And turn the other direction and see this



We had extraordinary success in Washington – Won \$265 million in federal demolition grants from 2014-2018

Detroit to get \$21 million more for blight demolition

By Todd Spangler and Paul Franke, Detroit Free Press | Published 10:03 a.m. ET Oct. 28, 2015 | Updated 7:07 p.m. ET Oct. 28, 2015

A state housing board
federal funds between



(Photo: Ryan Garza, Detroit Free Press)

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

Feds give Michigan \$188M more to fight blight

Todd Spangler, Detroit Free Press | Published 5:55 a.m. ET April 30, 2015 | Updated 6:55 p.m. ET April 30, 2015

Detroit gets \$42M boost to expand blight removal areas

Matt Helms, Detroit Free Press | Published 1:27 p.m. ET May 9, 2016 | Updated 6:54 p.m. ET May 9, 2016



(Photo: Detroit Free Press file photo)

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Detroit will add more neighborhoods to demolition plan.
- Detroit has torn down 3,500 homes since January 2014.
- Duggan: 1,200 homes can be torn down that weren't

Detroit gets another \$88M to aid in blight fight

Christine Ferretti, The Detroit News | Published 5:31 p.m. ET June 1, 2016



(Photo: David Coates / The Detroit News)

round of funding.

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Detroit — Detroit's getting another \$88 million for its blight fight, while a \$17.6 million boost is on the way for Flint, state housing officials said Wednesday.

The U.S. Treasury Department approved the allocation plan under its Hardest Hit Fund program. In total, Michigan was awarded \$188.1 million in federal blight dollars in April as part of the latest

Federal money allowed Detroit to demolish 21,000 buildings since 2014: the most successful demolition effort in the U.S.

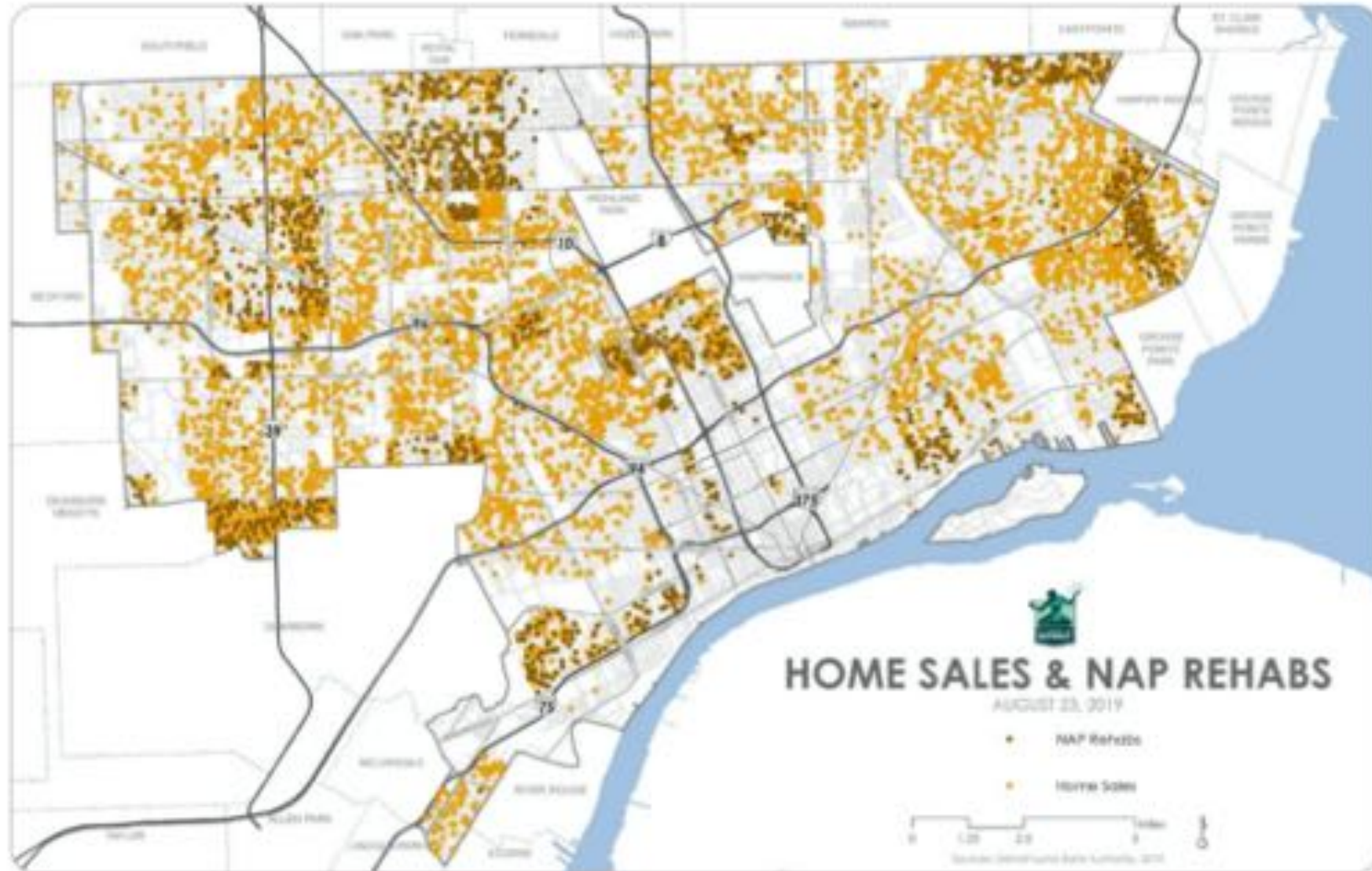


But we still have 17,000 to go



Blight Removal Isn't Just Demolition

We've saved 9,000 houses from demolition by renovation



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Before



Today



16230 Lilac

Before

Today



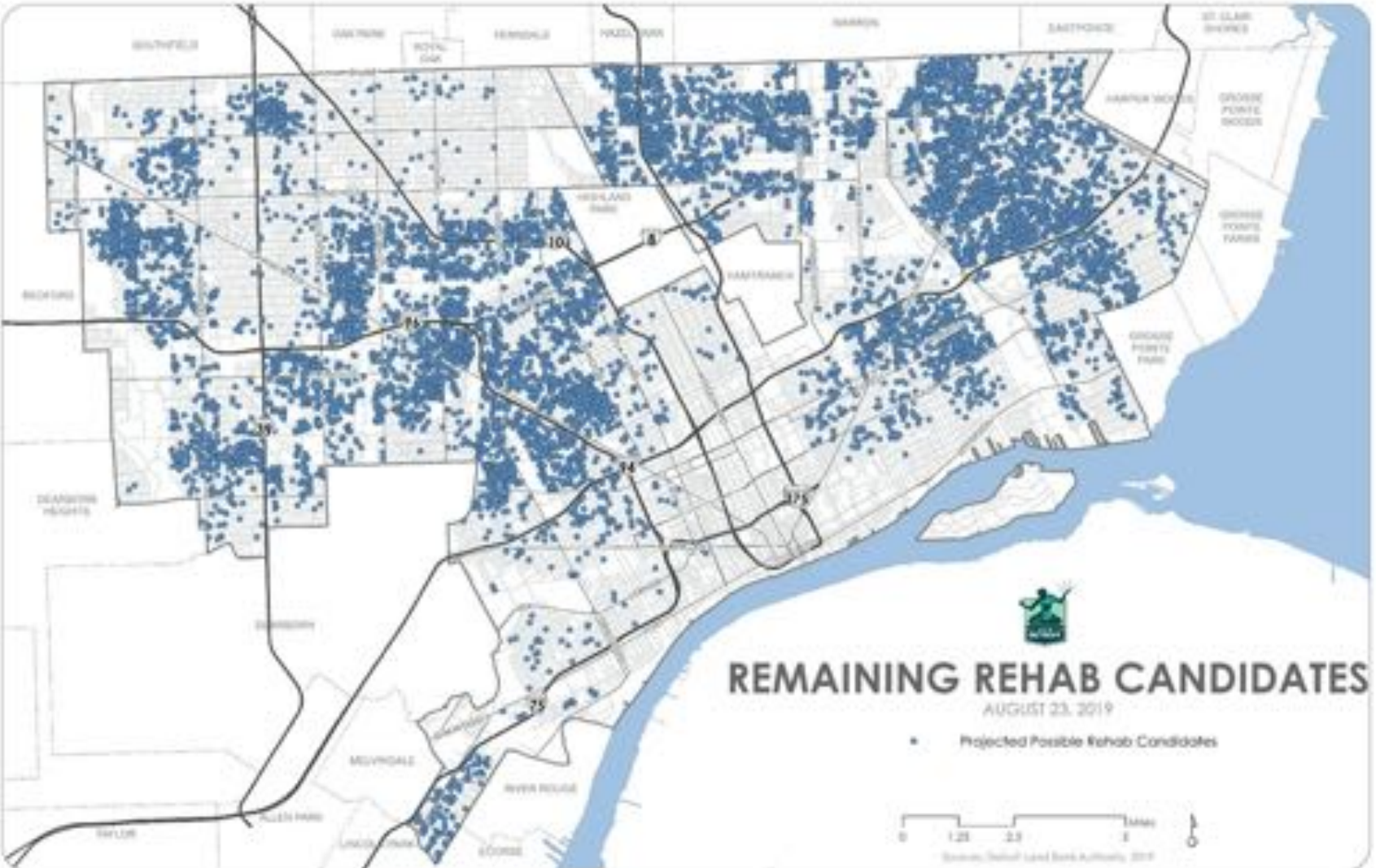
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Before

Today



We have 8,000 more that can still be saved and renovated if we act now



We know our speed of demolition has brought problems But working together we can solve them.

Despite demolition efforts, blight spreads undetected throughout Detroit's neighborhoods

Left to rot

By Violet Ikonova

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39:48
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According to the Detroit Land Bank Authority, these houses are not blighted. The agency even believes people are living in some of them. A nine-month Metro Times investigation found hundreds of houses like this.

Detroit Land Bank notches many wins including 10,000 side-lot sales

John Gallagher, Detroit Free Press | Published 6:00 a.m. ET Sept. 23, 2016 | Updated 7:55 a.m.



(Photo: John Gallagher/Detroit Free Press)

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Few public agencies in Detroit have come in for criticism lately like the Detroit Land Bank Authority. Yet few public agencies, I'm going to argue today, have accomplished so much good in so short a span of time.

I mulled this last week at a brief ceremony in Detroit's Warrendale neighborhood on the city's west side, where the Land Bank team celebrated its 10,000th sale of a side lot to a neighborhood resident — the sale of a vacant lot owned by the city to a resident who would put it to good use.

The purchasers were Barb and Joe Matney, neighborhood activists who have long worked to improve their Warrendale area. Barb, a lifelong resident of the district, is president of the local neighborhood association. She has purchased nine vacant lots from the Land Bank to create a community food garden, with a kids play lot and other improvements still to come. The food grown in the community garden goes to those who need it.

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State to babysit Detroit demolition program

John Wisely, Detroit Free Press | Published 3:27 p.m. ET Oct. 17, 2016 | Updated 7:03 p.m. ET Oct. 17, 2016



(Photo: Ryan Garcia, Detroit Free Press)

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State employees will be embedded in the Detroit Land Bank Authority to keep a closer eye on its controversial demolition program, which has prompted a federal investigation, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan said today.

"There will be two sets of eyes on everything," Duggan said at a news conference.

Duggan also announced that the U.S. Treasury and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority released \$42 million for the program to proceed. The money was allocated earlier this year, but the treasury department suspended release of it until the revamped procedures were approved Friday.

State housing development officials were not immediately available to comment on the new procedures or their review.

Duggan said he was disappointed in some of the things he learned from the



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**Neighborhoods like this have been left behind by
Detroit's city leaders...**



Since Jerry Cavanagh and City Council promised to remove blight from Detroit...in 1965!

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Today's Chuckle
 Children should be careful what they say. Parents are always repeating what they hear.






Doorways to disaster loom... *... to vacant houses like this one at DeWitt and Congress.* *Pretty patterns can mark...* *... the risk young explorers face.*

City Fights Vacant House Menace

Death Still Lurks In Empty Houses

BY JOHN WUELLEN
 Free Press Staff Writer

There are 2,000 abandoned buildings and houses in Detroit and all are potential death traps.

Little children play in them after school hours.

Older boys and girls use them as hideouts where they can hide from their parents, the police and the law.

Increasingly they are being prepared to be torn down, and in all cases an estimated \$1.8 million.

At least 100 other "abandoned

Asks U.S. Funds, To Add Patrols

BY HARRY GOLDEN JR. AND HAL COHEN
 Free Press Staff Writers

Mayor CAVANAGH and the Common Council moved Wednesday on several new fronts against the menace of dilapidated vacant houses in Detroit.

Cavanagh and Council members asked the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$1 million to add 100 more police officers to patrol the city's vacant houses.

3 of 40