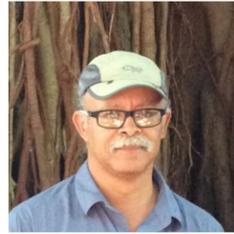
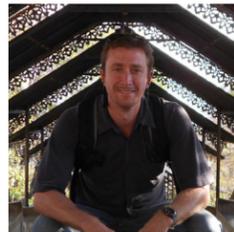


Detroit, Michigan



BLAIR EVANS TEAM LEAD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INCITE FOCUS

Experience with neighborhood development: More than two decades of work and experience in both the built and natural environments; Superintendent of community-based schools in the city of Detroit for more than 14 years.
I am interested in learning about...successful methods for facilitating transformative community economic development.
One challenge I'd like to address: Community engagement in underserved communities at more than a superficial level.



ANDY NORTHRUP
EXTENSION EDUCATOR, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSIONS, GREENING MICHIGAN INSTITUTE

Experience with neighborhood development:
I am interested in learning about...how I can facilitate processes for cities, towns, villages, and communities to a new level of development for sustainability.
One challenge I'd like to address: The importance of transforming communities to be "place" orientated and supportive of their occupants, thus fostering walkability, urban farming, energy efficiency, self-sufficiency and overall sustainability.



KATHRYN LYNCH UNDERWOOD
CITY PLANNER, CITY PLANNING COMMISSION/DETROIT CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE POLICY DIVISION

Experience with neighborhood development: Extensive experience as a planner in helping to develop and assess neighborhood redevelopment plans and activities.
I am interested in learning about...a systems approach to redevelopment, with regard to energy, water, and agriculture.
One challenge I'd like to address: How to get government (typically risk-averse) to take more innovative approaches to Detroit's unique opportunity for and challenge of neighborhood redevelopment.



RENEE V. WALLACE
CEO, DOERS CONSULTING ALLIANCE

Experience with neighborhood development: Significant experience with community and neighborhood development initiatives, including the Skillman Foundation Good Neighborhoods' Initiative.
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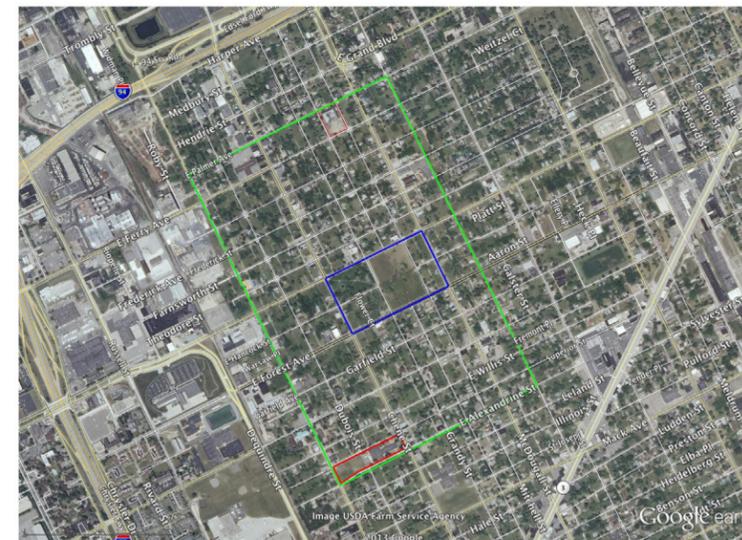
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Perrin Park



Blue rect is 30 Acre Pilot Area



Green rect is 330 Acre Potential Area

Why this neighborhood?

The Northeast community has transformational potential due to its adjacent position to several planned city and private development and re-development projects. It is also situated close to grassroots sustainability momentum, blight removal, food production and creative arts industries.

Neighborhood

PRIORITIES:

1. Develop and preserve affordable and supportive housing.
2. Create innovations in local systems that will supply food, water and energy within a socially just framework
3. Create job growth and economic prosperity

Neighborhood

CHALLENGES:

1. High rates of unemployment
2. Poverty
3. Housing vacancy

According to the 2010 Census, this pilot area has a population density of 2,055 residents per square mile, with a population of 486. 31% of existing housing units are vacant, 47% of residents are unemployed and 42% live below poverty level.

Focusing on economic vitality, environmental regeneration, and equitable participation, the Perrin Park Community team will launch an EcoDistrict in a 30 acre area of Northeast Detroit, in partnership with the Center for Community Production, a production and training lab focused on permaculture, digital fabrication, experiential learning and technology. With community and leadership support, their vision is to expand the district outwards to encompass a 320 acre area.