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Two Neighborhoods' Commitment to Sustainability rewarded as Eco-D Initiative names Detroit's first two EcoDistricts.

Eco-D proudly announces Detroit's first two EcoDistricts, HOPE Village and West Village. Eco-D is an initiative formed to help Detroit neighborhoods become not only great neighborhoods, but green neighborhoods. Eco-D supports community-driven plans to meet basic needs in our neighborhoods both now and, equally importantly, into the future.

An **EcoDistrict** is a neighborhood designation that demonstrates commitment to green, community-driven development prioritizing robust community engagement and equitable decision making. With access to resources provided by community partners, EcoDistricts commit to make continuous progress on three issues: equity, resilience, and climate protection. Within these issues, EcoDistricts work on projects that address a range of topics which help create healthy communities. Emerging from Eco-D's open application period and comprehensive vetting process, two neighborhoods were named as Detroit's first official EcoDistricts: HOPE Village and West Village.

The **HOPE Village** EcoDistrict designation reflects the aspirations of the HOPE Village community and also provides recognition and support for the cutting edge sustainability projects already underway, including what will be the first LEED Platinum home rehab in the city, and a solar feasibility study, examining the potential for solar power generation in the neighborhood.



West Village is quickly attracting development, and the neighborhood is invested in seeing that development happen in a truly sustainable way. West Village is already working on stormwater management, community gardens and launching a formalized Neighborhood Sustainability Framework. The EcoDistrict designation will support these efforts and create opportunities to model community-led sustainable development.

Eco-D was founded in 2014 by EcoWorks, Detroit Future City, The Greening of Detroit, Community Development Advocates of Detroit (CDAD), and Vista Vantage Consulting Group, L3C and is part of the global EcoDistricts network working to create a new model for community development in urban areas. Additional core partners have since joined, including: The City of Detroit – Mayor Duggan’s Jobs and Economy Team, and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). Through Eco-D, Detroit is an official Target City- a district-scale neighborhood development program, and a Clinton Global Initiatives Commitment, administered by EcoDistricts and funded by The Kresge Foundation.

Eco-D is charged with the mission “to help every neighborhood in Detroit become an EcoDistrict” and has a vision for Detroit becoming a 21st century model for urban sustainability. The principles guiding Eco-D’s guiding principles are: 1. Projects that are community driven, 2. Projects that simultaneously drive economic, community, and environmental health, 3. Process transparency, and 4. Creating pathways to success for all neighborhoods. Eco-D’s role is to: convene service providers and communities, coordinate resources to deliver impact to neighborhoods, educate and nurture communities to become ready for EcoDistrict designation, as well as monitor and measure progress and impact.

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