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SPECIAL REPORT

The Tragedy Of Detroit

How a great city fell—and how it can rise again

BY DANIEL OKRENT

www.time.com



Population

1910

Detroit: 465,766

Michigan: 2,810,173

Percent of Michigan: 16.57%

Population

1930

Detroit: 1,568,662



Michigan: 4,842,325

Percent of Michigan: 32.39%

Population

1950

Detroit: 1,849,568



Michigan: 6,371,766

Percent of Michigan: 29.02%

Population

1970

Detroit: 1,514,063

Michigan: 8,881,826

Percent of Michigan: 17.04%

Population

1990

Detroit: 1,027,974



Michigan: 9,295,287

Percent of Michigan: 11.05%

Population

2010

Detroit: 713,777

Michigan: 9,898,193

Percent of Michigan: 7.21%

Population

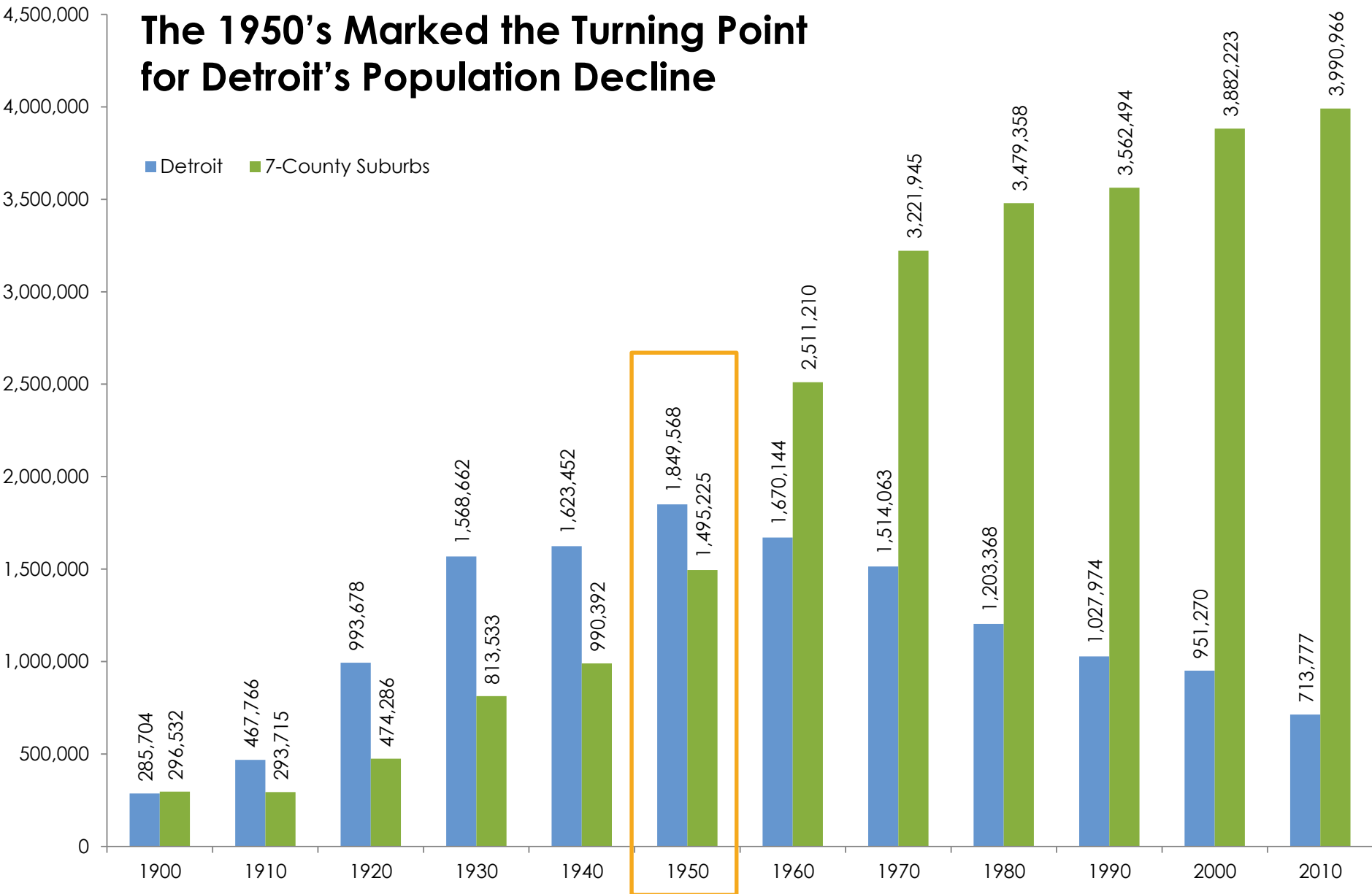
2014

Detroit: 680,250

Michigan: 9,909,877

Percent of Michigan: 6.86%

The 1950's Marked the Turning Point for Detroit's Population Decline



Source: Census Bureau, Data Driven Detroit, 2014.



Detroit Blight Removal Task Force



Glenda Price



Linda Smith



Dan Gilbert

MOTOR CITY MAPPING

Surveyors will gather comprehensive condition information for every property in Detroit, with an emphasis on evaluating **condition** and **occupancy**.





DETROIT
BLIGHT REMOVAL
TASK FORCE



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HD vimeo

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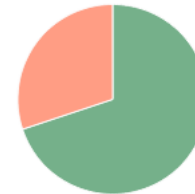


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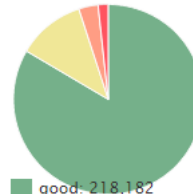
374,027 properties surveyed

Structures vs Lots



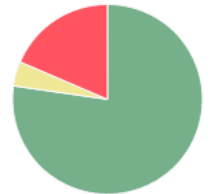
structures: 261,329
lots: 112,586

Structure Condition



good: 218,182
fair: 30,039
poor: 8,640
sugg. demo: 4,447

Structure Occupancy



occupied: 201,943
maybe: 10,900
unoccupied: 48,451



Lots with Dumping:

5,984



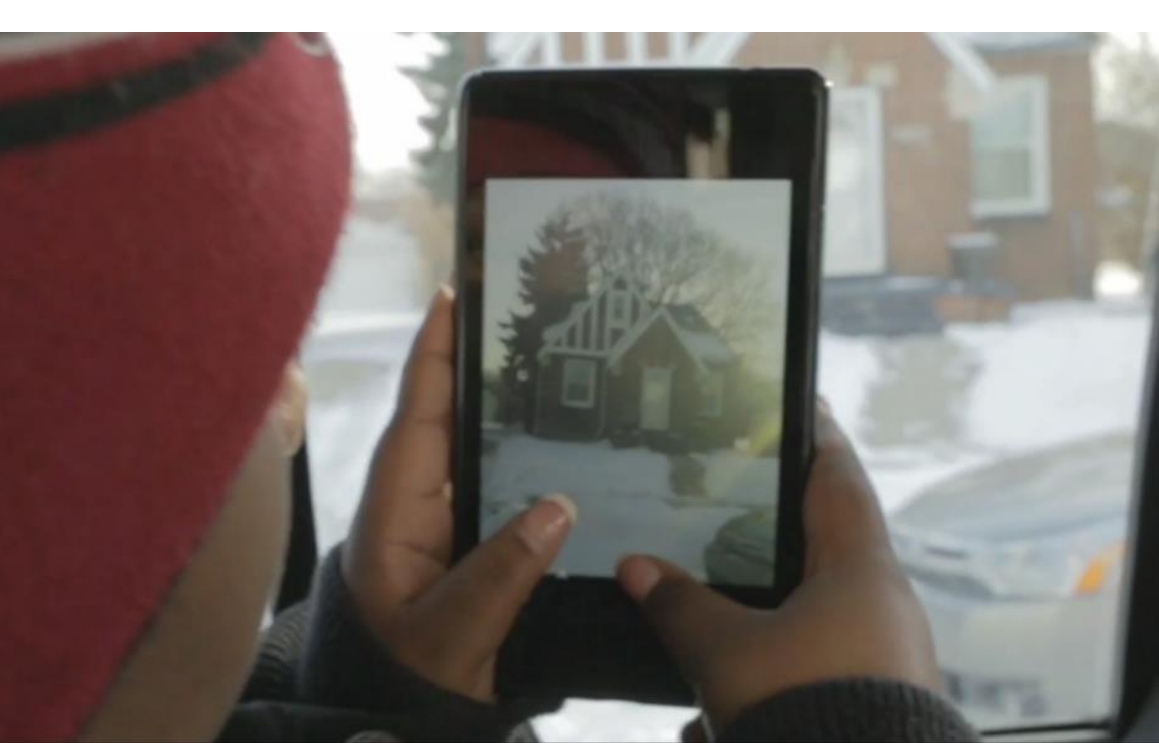
Structures with Fire Damage:

6,919



Structures needing Boarding:

27,708



BLEXTING

Survey property, report problems, and track changes in your neighborhood

Survey Detroit



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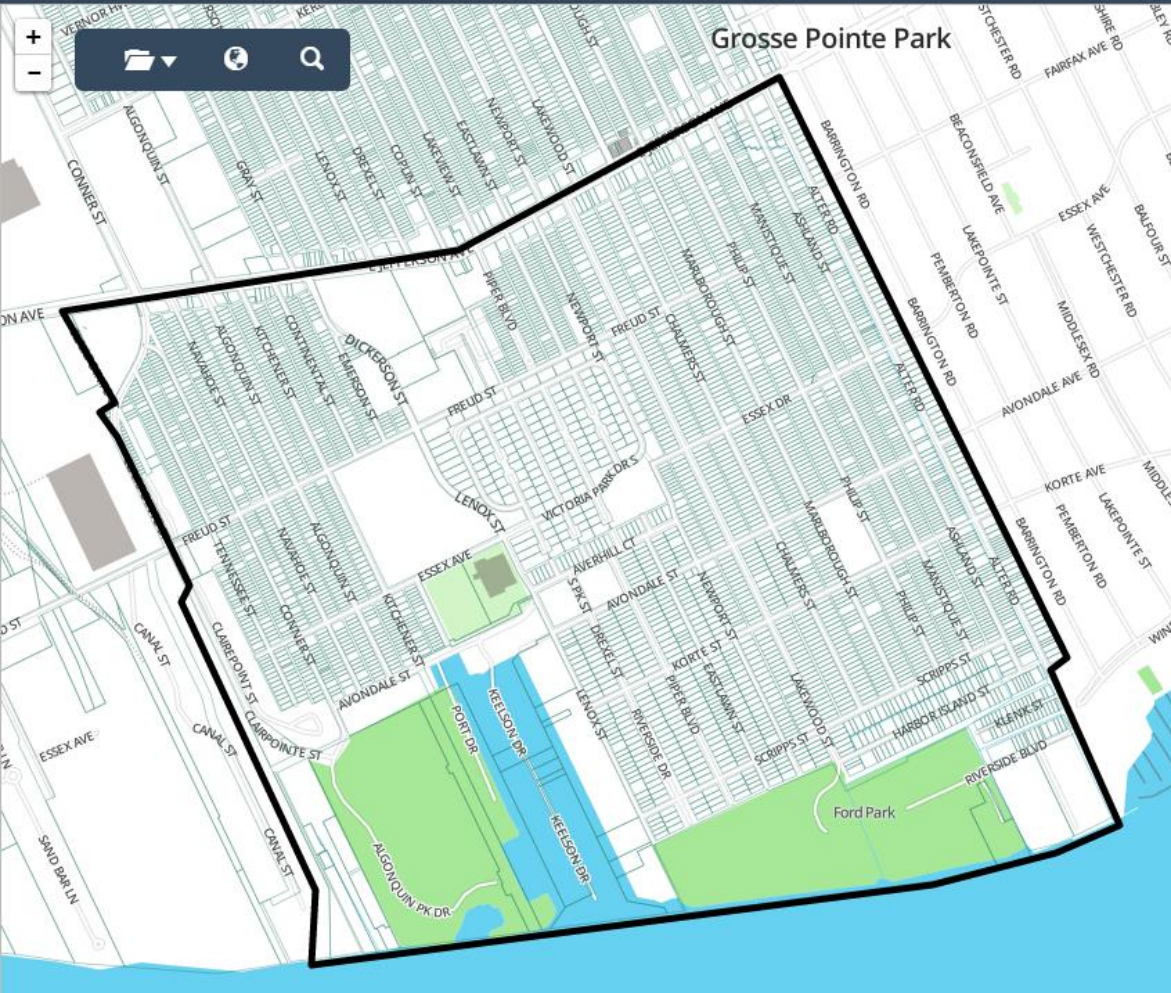
structure: yes, use: commercial, condition: good, occupancy: occupied, boarding: no, fire: no, dumping: no
 Kimberly Williams: Dentist office
 Kimberly Williams - 12:31 PM, Feb 4

10974 Wilshire
 structure: yes, use: residential, condition: good, occupancy: occupied, boarding: no, fire: no, dumping: no, units: 1 unit
 Kimberly Williams - 12:25 PM, Feb 4

8111 E Outer Drive
 structure: yes, use: commercial, condition: good, occupancy: occupied, boarding: no, fire: no, dumping: no
 Kimberly Williams - 11:04 AM, Feb 4

11180 Gratiot
 structure: yes, use: commercial, condition: good, occupancy: unimproved
 Steven Willis - 10:55 AM, Feb 4

11288 Gratiot
 structure: yes, use: commercial, condition: good, occupancy: occupied, boarding: no, fire: no, dumping: no
 Jonathan Jenkins - 10:43 AM, Feb 4

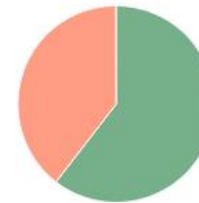


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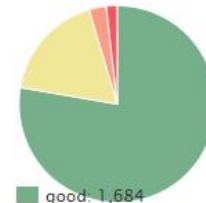
3,586 properties surveyed

Structures vs Lots



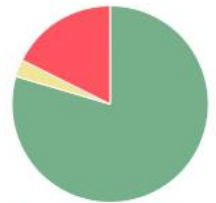
structures: 2,167
lots: 1,416

Structure Condition



good: 1,684
fair: 383
poor: 61
sugg. demo: 39

Structure Occupancy



occupied: 1,724
maybe: 61
unoccupied: 382



Lots with Dumping:

65



Structures with Fire Damage:

46

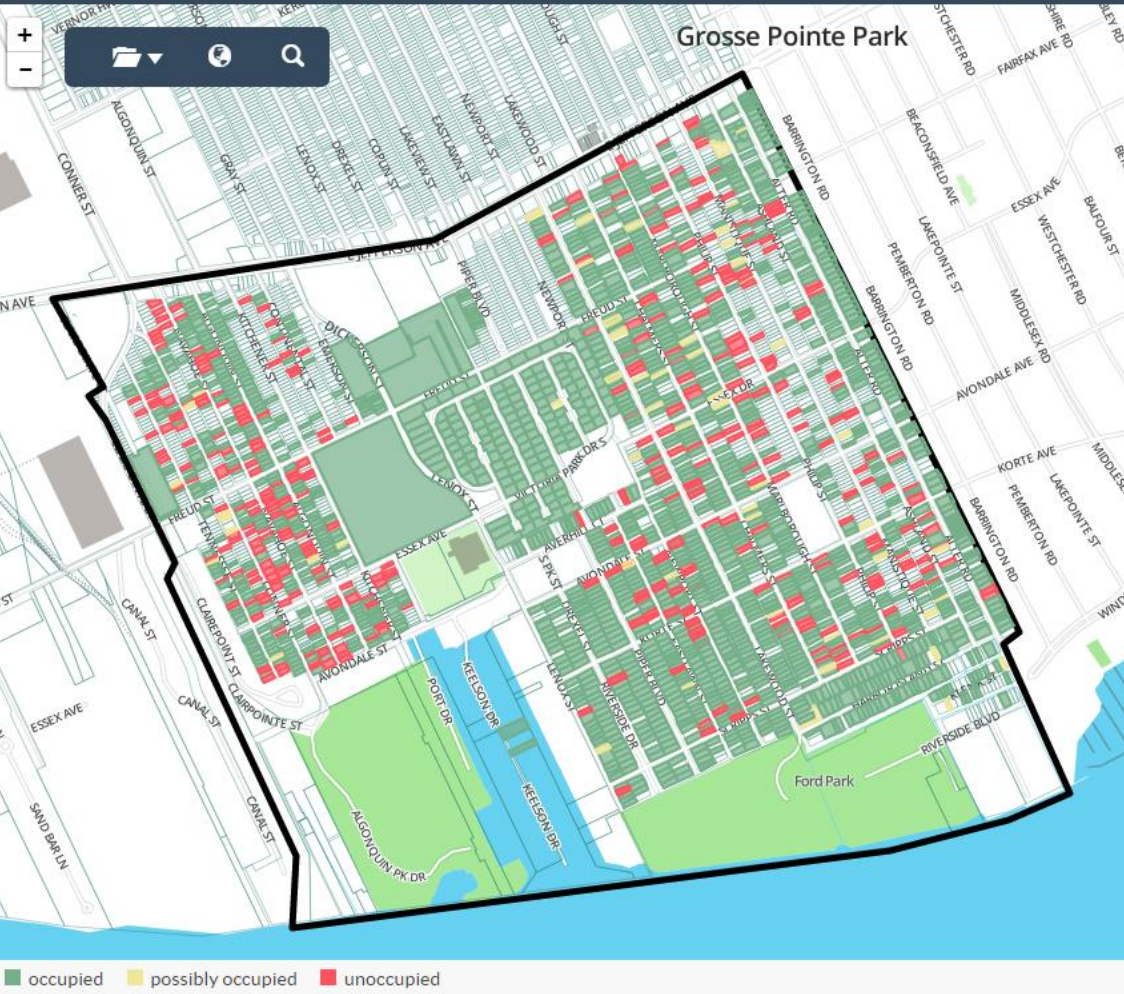


Structures needing Boarding:

232



Grosse Pointe Park



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Try these sample searches:

- Residential structures color coded for occupancy
- Structures in need of boarding
- Lots with dumping

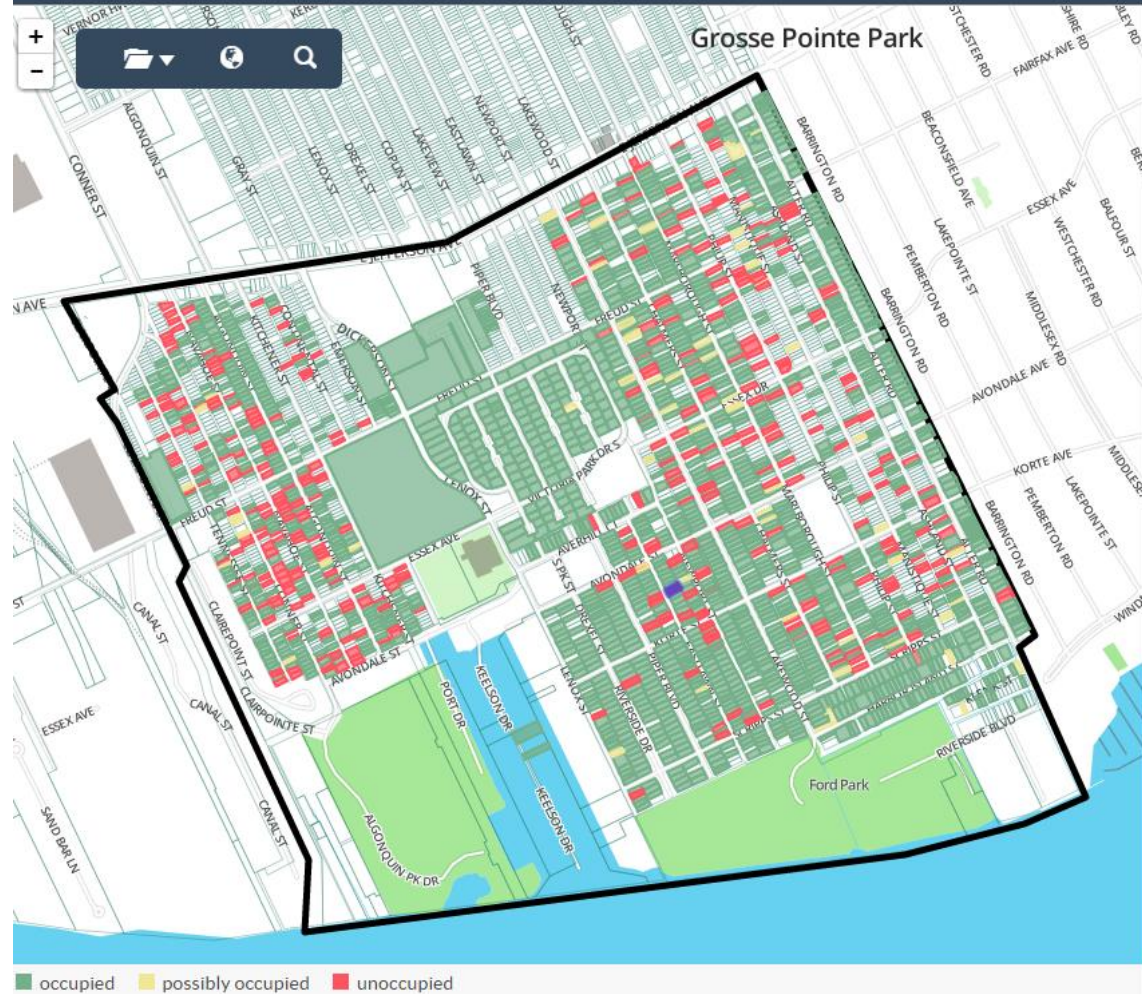
Or design your own:

- Structure: yes no color
- Use: residential unknown private public commercial color
- Occupancy: mixed institutional industrial color
- Occupancy: occupied unoccupied possibly occupied color
- Condition: good fair poor suggest demolition color
- Ownership: public private color

More Filters ▼

Apply Clear

	Properties in This Area	Matches Only
properties	3879	2099
structure = no	1416	
structure = yes	2467	2099



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350 EASTLAWN

Blexted August 18, 2014



Structure: yes
 Use: residential
 Condition: fair
 Occupancy: unoccupied

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Overview Explore Blexts Search

Search for a Place

Go

350 EASTLAWN

Blexted August 18, 2014



Structure: yes
Use: residential
Condition: fair
Occupancy: unoccupied
Needs Boarding: yes
Fire Damage: no
Dumping: no
Units: 1 unit

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Go

350 EASTLAWN

Blexted December 19, 2013



Structure: yes
Use: residential
Condition: fair
Occupancy: unoccupied
Needs Boarding: yes
Fire Damage: no
Dumping: no
Units: 1 unit
Ownership: private

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350 EASTLAWN

Street View (August 2013)

Open in Google Maps



Leadership & Vision



“We're going to start afresh ... and we're going to do the best we can to **deliver the kinds of services the people in this city deserve.**”

Mayor Mike Duggan

“What we have to do to regain the **public trust** is be open with our data.”



CIO Beth Niblock

Using **Data-Driven**
Decision-Making
To Improve **Service**
Delivery

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Open
your
Data

Why open data?

Transparency

Citizens need to know what their government is doing. Transparency isn't just about access, it is also about sharing and reuse — often, to understand material it needs to be analyzed and visualized, and this requires that the material be open.

Social and commercial value

By opening up data, government can help drive the creation of innovative business and services that deliver social and commercial value.

Participation and engagement

By opening up data, citizens are enabled to be much more directly informed and involved in decision-making.



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February 2015

Mayor Duggan Announces New Open Data Initiative to Give Public Greater Access to City Data and Information

Today, the City of Detroit took a major step toward becoming a more transparent government by launching the first phase of its new Initiative, which will make volumes of information more easily accessible to the public at no cost.

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Detroit Open Data

Welcome to the Open Data Portal for the City of Detroit



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Results matching category of Government

Most Accessed This week

Name	Popularity	Type	RSS
DLBA Auction Closings Map A map showing the homes auctioned as part of the Detroit Land Bank Authority's auction program, and whether the buyer was a homebuyer or an investor.	339 views		
City Boundaries Boundaries of the City of Detroit	172 views		
DLBA Contract Listing Businesses that have contracted with the Detroit Land Bank Authority.	158 views		
DLBA Auction Closings Homes auctioned as part of the Detroit Land Bank Authority's auction program.	138 views		
DLBA Direct Sales Homes directly sold by the Detroit Land Bank Authority.	117 views		
DLBA Side Lot Sales Vacant lots adjacent to occupied homes sold as part of the Detroit Land Bank Authority's side lot sale program.	100 views		
Duggan Administration Organizational Chart An organizational chart of the Duggan administration.	89 views		
DLBA Community Partners The Detroit Land Bank Community Partner Program encourages faith- and community-based organizations to transform the neighborhoods in which they serve. These partnerships are designed to encourage enhancing the quality of life in Detroit's neighborhoods through projects such as home rehabilitation, urban gardening, or green space initiatives.	84 views		
Innovation District	78 views		
City Council Districts	67 views		

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Results matching category of Public Safety    Most Accessed  This week 

Name	Popularity	Type	RSS
 DPD: Major Crime Incidents (Provisional) Incident-based dataset of major reported criminal offenses. NOTE: This PRELIMINARY INFORMATION is used on an ongoing basis by the Detroit Police Department for strategic planning and crime analysis. This data is not final and thus is not the crime data that is reported to the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program.	11,410 views	 	
 Major Crime Map Major reported criminal offenses.	1,779 views	 	
 Stolen Vehicle Heat Map A map showing where vehicle theft activity is concentrated according to thefts reported to the Detroit Police Department.	1,753 views	 	



Video: How to Use Data Lens Pages

Watch this video to learn how to use Data Lens pages to find the specific information you need



2015 to Present Major Crime Data Lens

Search and filter major crimes reported to the Detroit Police Department from Jan 1, 2015 to Present



2014 and 2015 Victim-Based Crimes Datasets

New 2014 and 2015 DPD Datasets featuring Carjacking, Non Fatal Shootings, and Homicides



Feedback Form

Found an issue with data posted in this portal? Report it here.

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Create Useful Tools

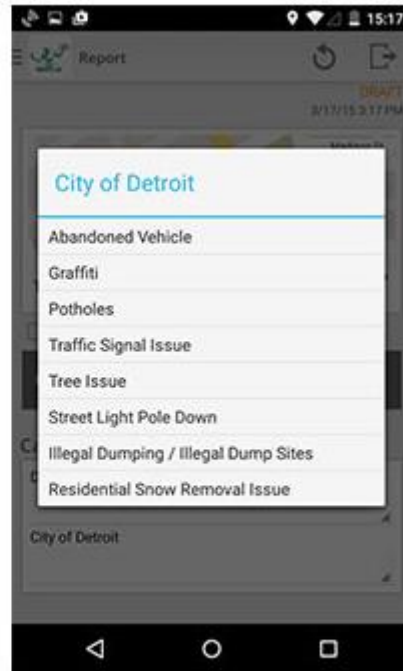
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Citizens to Government

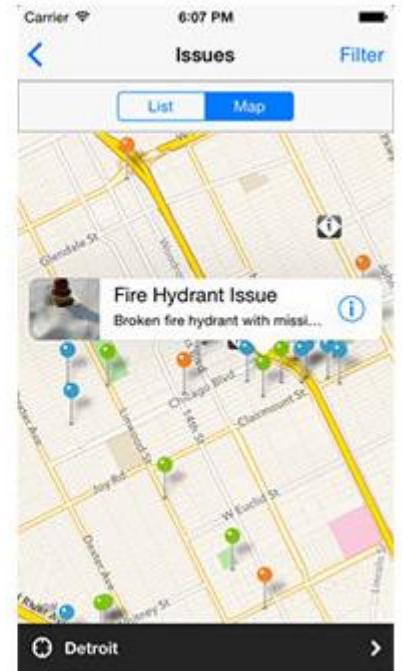
Improve Detroit



Screenshots from Android phone



Screenshots from iPhone



Improve Detroit



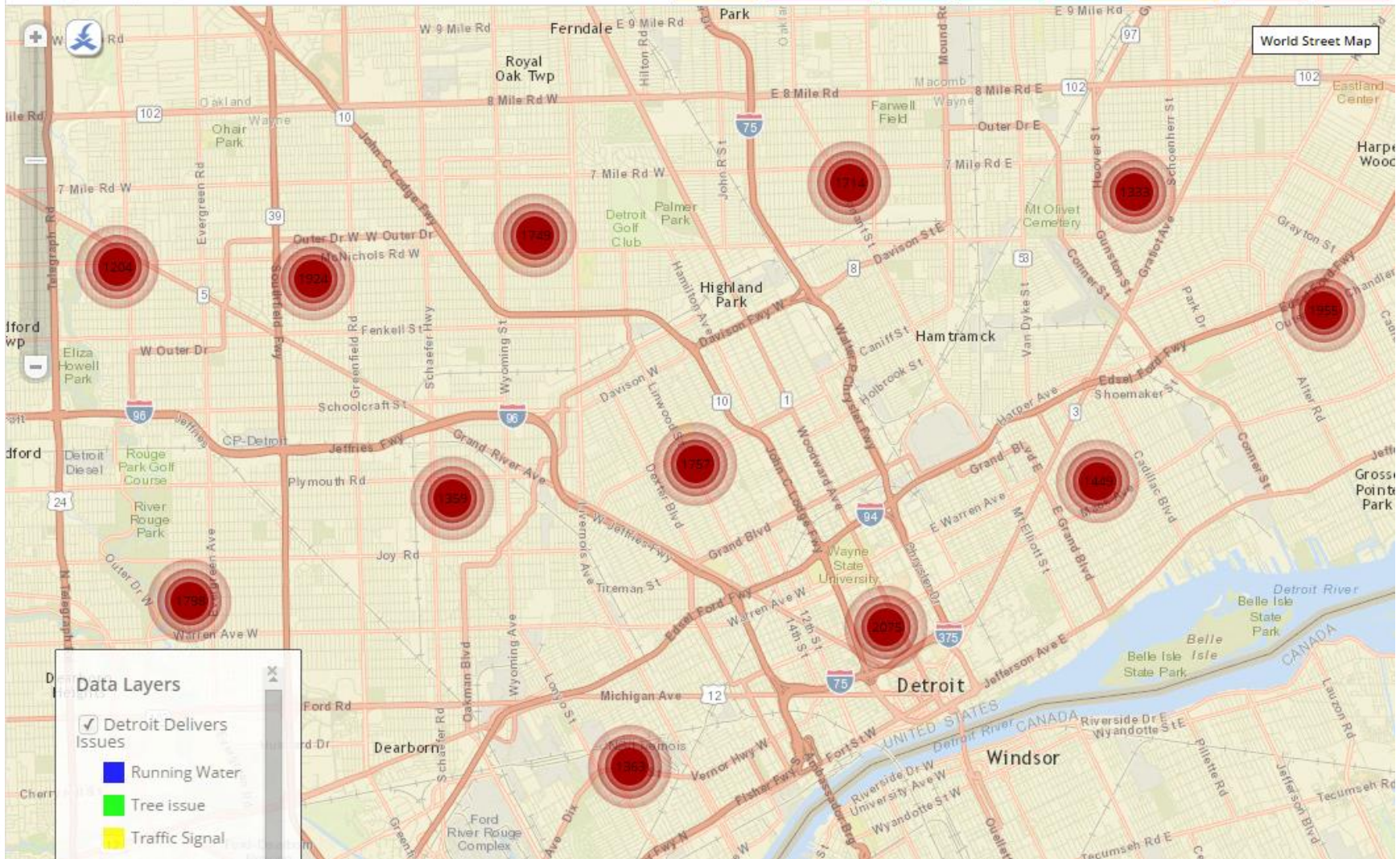
Improve Detroit: Submitted Issues

Based on a private view.
(No description provided)



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Open Data



The Detroit Ledger



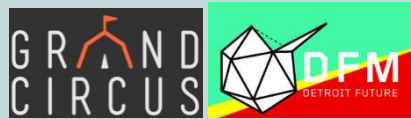
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Detroit Data Collaborative

Tech Trainings



Girl Develop It
don't be shy. develop it.



Maker Culture & STEAM Education



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Start-Up Culture & Coworking

AN OFFICE IN DETROIT



JUNCTION 440

Human-Centered Design

THE WORK DEPARTMENT



Meet-Up Culture



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Coordinated & Creative Partnerships



MOTOR CITY MAPPING





Diana Flora

Kresge Mayor's Fellow

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Detroit Land Bank Authority



Neighbors Wanted.

Major Changes at the DLBA Since 2014

2014

- January: New Board appointed
- February: New Executive Team put in place Total employees: 8
- March: New DLBA and DBA take over the HHF program 6 months into the 12 month benchmark timeline
- April: City Council authorizes transfer of 16,000 residential structures to the DLBA
- May: Nuisance Abatement Program and Auction Program begins
- August: DLBA and DBA demolish an average of 250 blighted homes a week
- September: Side Lot Program and Community Partner Program begin
- November: City Council authorizes transfer of 10,000 vacant lots to DLBA
 - New Executive Structure for DLBA implemented
- December: Side lot fairs begin

2015

- May: New MOU between DLBA and City of Detroit approved by Detroit City Council
 - City Council transfers remaining 38,000 vacant lots to DLBA
 - Auctions increased to three per day
- June: Launch of new Direct Sale page
 - Side Lot fairs resume
- August (expected) Launch of new Neighborhood Lease a Lot program

Detroit Land Bank Authority

Inventory History by Property Type

March, 2014

	Vacant Land	Residential Structure	Commercial or Industrial	TOTAL
Inside HHF	858	3,051	47	3,956
Outside HHF	604	3,178	28	3,810
TOTAL	1,462	6,229	75	7,766

- April, 2014: 16,000 residential structures to the DLBA

December, 2014

	Vacant Land	Residential Structure	Commercial or Industrial	TOTAL
Inside HHF	12,640	5,667	64	18,371
Outside HHF	4,586	12,484	82	17,162
TOTAL	17,226	18,161	146	35,533

- November, 2014: 10,000 vacant lots inside HHF areas to DLBA

January, 2015

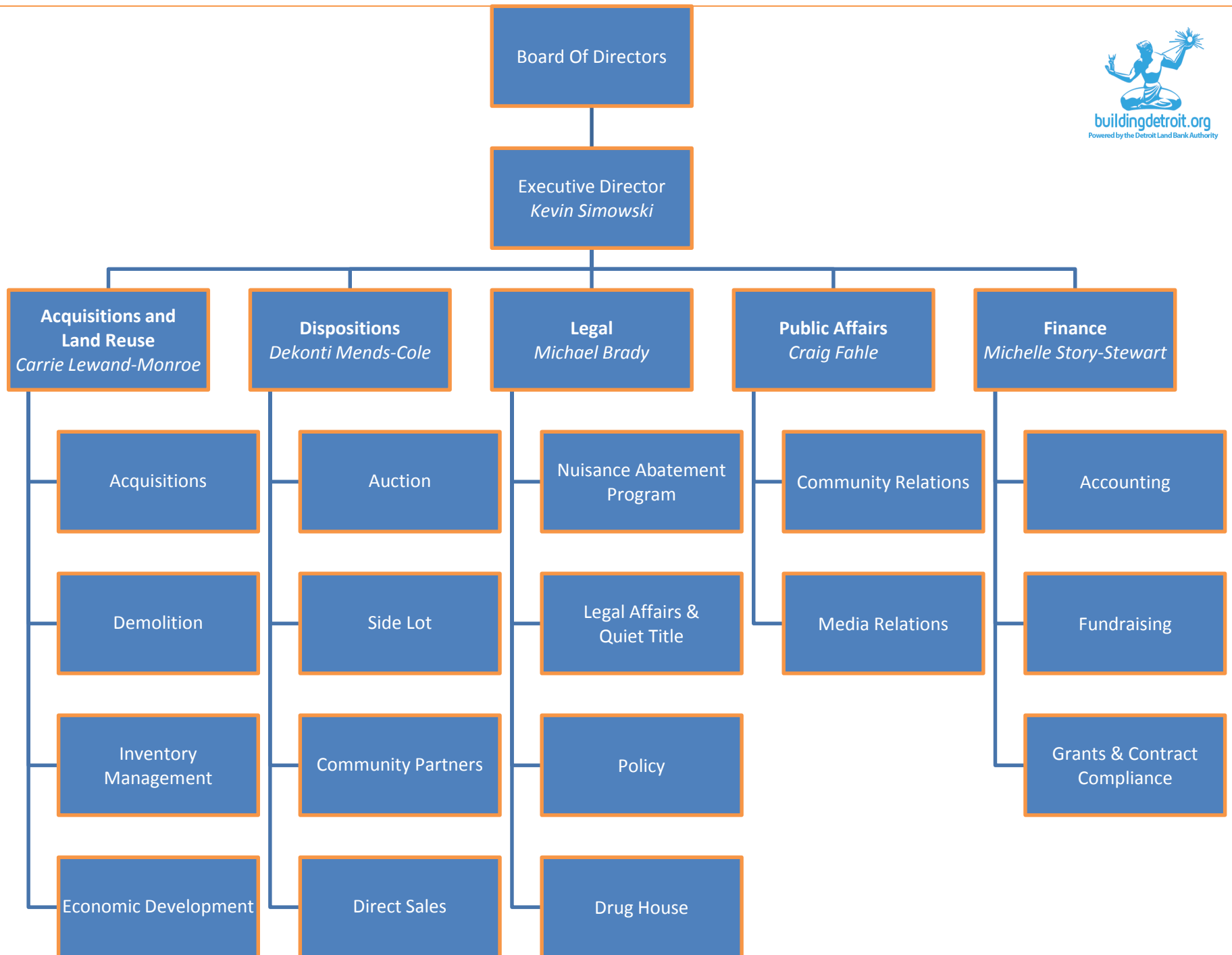
	Vacant Land	Residential Structure	Commercial or Industrial	TOTAL
Inside HHF	16,131	9,817	64	26,012
Outside HHF	7,827	14,619	82	22,528
TOTAL	23,958	24,436	146	48,540

- January, 2015: "Blight Bundle" and other foreclosed properties transfer to DLBA

June, 2015

	Vacant Land	Residential Structure	Commercial or Industrial	TOTAL
Inside HHF	24,989	10,552	125	35,666
Outside HHF	29,144	15,650	94	44,888
TOTAL	54,133	26,202	219	80,554

- May, 2015: 37,776 residential lots throughout the city to DLBA



Our Approach is Based on 8 Principles

Concentrate on our strongest neighborhoods

Take entire neighborhoods at once

Sue the owners of abandoned houses

Sign consent agreements with those who agree to rehab and get occupants

Take title from those who don't consent

Auction the houses that have value

Demolish those that can't be saved

After demolition, sell lot to neighbor for \$100

Marygrove College



Marygrove: 16 Blocks, 700 homes



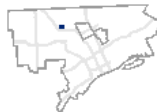
But out of 700 homes, 120 were abandoned



Marygrove , DLBA Activities (as of 03/08/15)



0 250 500 1,000 Feet



DLBA Status (Totals Within NAP Area)

- Unresolved Vacant Property (2)
- Resolved via NAP (20)
- Pending Court Action (28)
- Auction Pipe (31)
- Agreement not in Compliance (1)
- ★ Auction For Sale (0)
- Executed Agreement (2)
- ▲ DemoPipe (13)
- Title to DLBA (58)
- Demolished (16)
- Resolved (36)
- Schools 2013-14
- NAP Boundary





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Nuisance Abatement Suits

- Addresses private property owners
- Encourages reinvestment
- Increases public safety
- Beautifies neighborhoods
- Increases density and neighborhood population
- Neighborhoods more attractive to commercial developers

Nuisance Abatement

We started to poster vacant homes, informing the owners that they must either fix up their property or the Detroit Land Bank would take ownership.



Since April of 2014, over 2300 lawsuits have been filed. Over 500 owners of abandoned homes have entered into agreements to restore their properties. The City has won every case that has gone to court.

Results of Land Bank Lawsuits So Far

Land Bank started nuisance suits in May 2014.

Cases typically take 3-4 months to get to judgment.

As of 6-15-15:

Cases Filed:	2381
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Consent Agreements	516
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Title Awarded to Land Bank	484
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Cases Lost	0
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16905 CHANDLER PARK



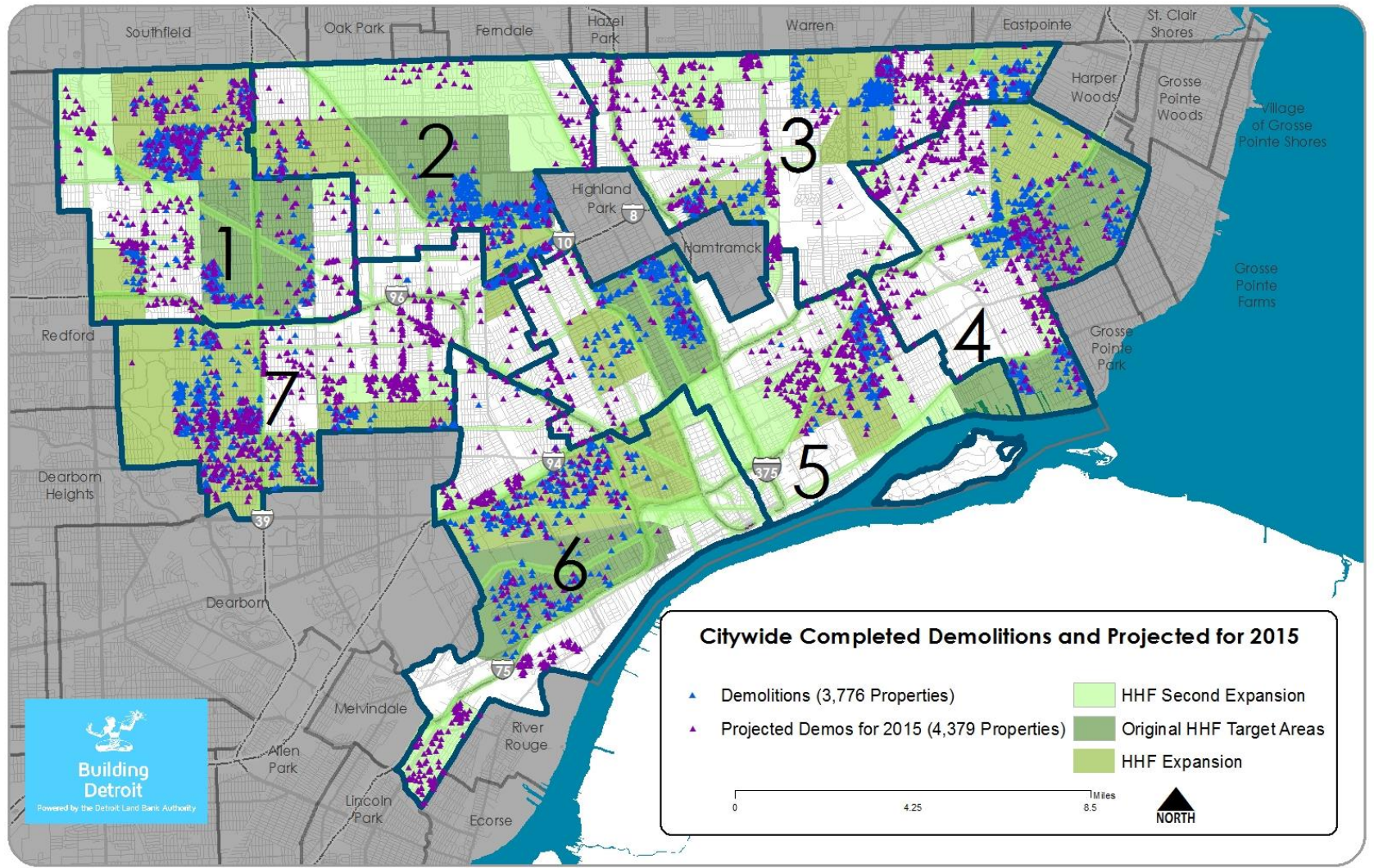
16124 WESTBROOK



4722 AVERY



DEMOLITIONS



Sending Post Cards for Those Previously Demolished



\$100*

SIDE LOT PROGRAM STARTS NOW

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SIDE LOT SALE

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Now auctioning three houses per day – Starting bid is \$1,000

\$1000



18423 Monica
SALE DATE: 09/27/2014

1,300 FT² 3 BED 1 BATH


\$1000



5900 Drexel
SALE DATE: 09/27/2014

1,000 FT² 3 BED 1 BATH


\$1000



5058 Chalmers
SALE DATE: 09/28/2014

1,200 FT² 5 BED 2 BATH

\$1000



18403 Santa Rosa
SALE DATE: 09/28/2014

1,400 FT² 3 BED 1.1 BATH


\$1000



18211 Prairie
SALE DATE: 09/29/2014

1,300 FT² 3 BED 1 BATH

\$1000



5312 Newport
SALE DATE: 09/29/2014

2,100 FT² 3 BED 2 BATH

Auctions started in May 2014

We've now sold 532 vacant houses

We've now closed on 335 properties, and are averaging 10 closings per week.

Revenue from sales totals over \$2.5 million.

What's up for 2015-16?

DLBA inventory is now
86,000+

Land Lease Program

Additional
Side Lot Fairs

Direct Sale Program

Occupied Properties
Program

Donation for Demolition
Program

More challenges...



September 2015

METRO DETROIT ON THE MOVE





A CHAMPION FOR OUR REGION'S PROGRESS

We believe our interdependence is our greatest strength, and that opportunity grows when we act as one metropolitan Detroit. Through smart research, strategic advocacy, and creative storytelling, we engage Detroit's diverse communities to advance metropolitan solutions to our shared challenges. Across the politics, issues and boundaries that shape our region, we proclaim: our Metro Matters.



METRO MATTERS





A BIT ABOUT DETROIT'S TRANSIT HISTORY





HAZEN PINGREE

**Mayor of Detroit
1890-1897**

**Governor of Michigan
1897-1901**





James "Big Jim" Couzens

**Mayor of Detroit
1919-1922**

**Senator from Michigan
1922-1936**



Miss DSR says —



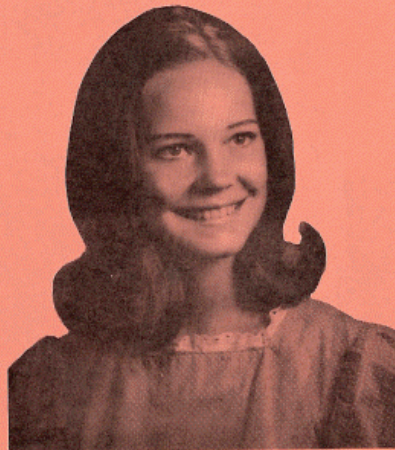
JACKIE DICKEY
Miss DSR, June, 1968

(Jackie is 19 years old and has worked as a main lobby receptionist for the Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. since November, 1966. Born in Macon, Georgia, she lives with her parents in northeast Detroit. Jackie is a graduate of Pershing High School. She loves to sew and do a little modeling. She can be seen traveling to work on the Woodward Express.)

June is the start of the Gray Line tour season. Starting June 1, Gray Line offers tours of downtown Detroit, Greenfield Village and the Ford Motor Company (four hours), and the Civic Center, Belle Isle and Windsor, Ontario (three hours). Beginning June 15, Gray Line offers tours of the Cultural Center, Civic Center and business center (two hours), and Belle Isle, Windsor, Cultural Center, Civic Center and business center (five hours). Tours are narrated and Gray Line coaches are air-conditioned. Call 965-5907, 962-9235 or 925-2600 (evenings and weekends) for information and folders.

CITY OF DETROIT
JEROME P. CAVANAGH, Mayor
DEPARTMENT OF STREET RAILWAYS
BOARD OF STREET RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS

Miss DSR says —



DAUNE BERGEN
Miss DSR, September, 1968

Pretty Daune Bergen is a willowy brunette with hazel eyes. A recent graduate of Cody High School, she is 18 years of age and plans to become an airline stewardess. She lives with her parents on the west side and rides the Plymouth and Dexter buses.

CORRECT CHANGE—Each time you board a bus with the exact fare, you save a busload of people precious time because the driver doesn't have to take time to make change. Multiply this time by the hundreds of riders who travel DSR and you'll have some idea of how many minutes can be saved if DSR patrons had the correct change for bus fare. So, help your fellow rider get to work on time...make that important appointment...or just have a little extra time. Have correct change ready when you board the bus. Better yet, use DSR bus tickets.

CITY OF DETROIT
JEROME P. CAVANAGH, Mayor
DEPARTMENT OF STREET RAILWAYS

Miss DSR says —

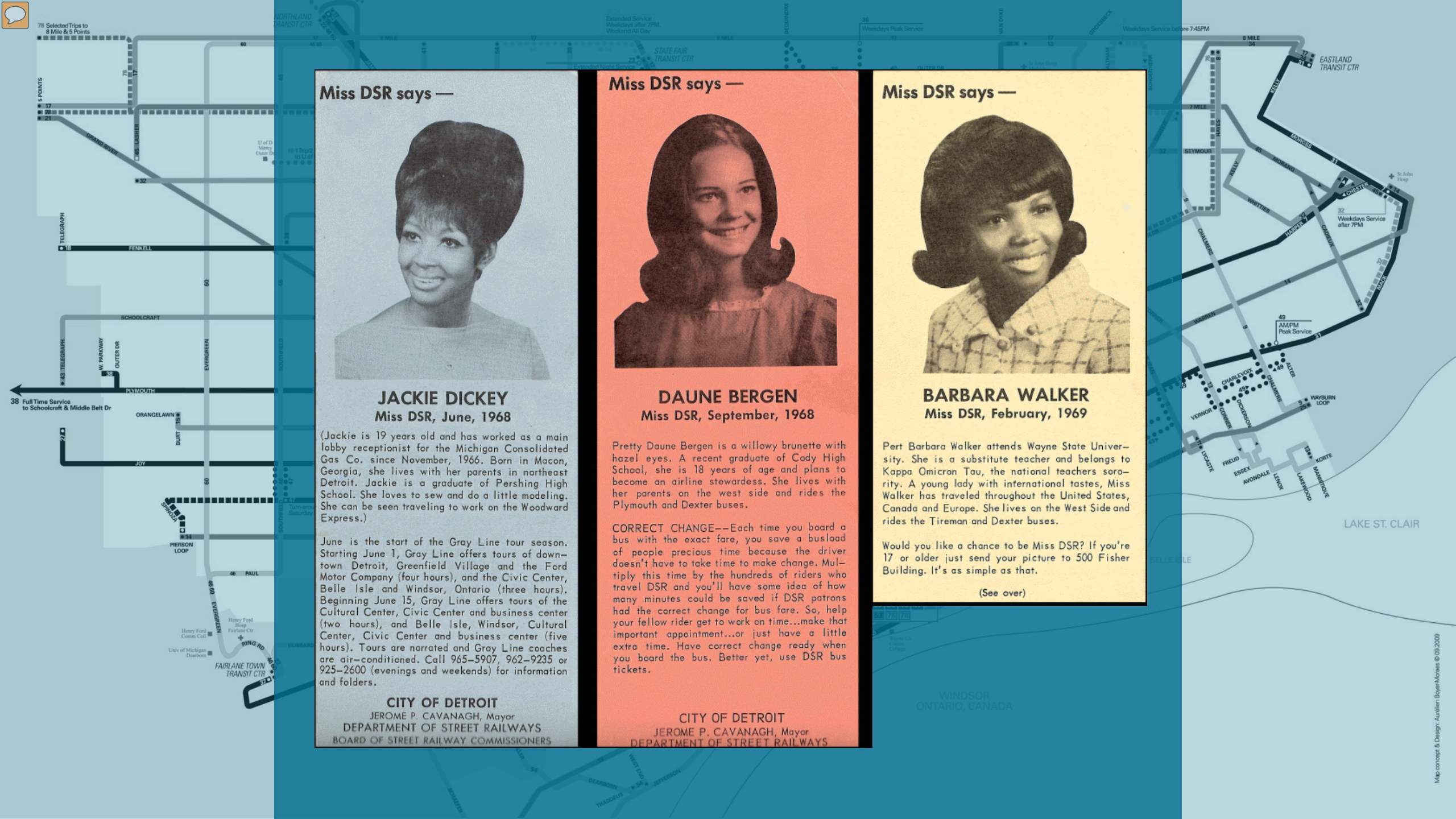


BARBARA WALKER
Miss DSR, February, 1969

Pert Barbara Walker attends Wayne State University. She is a substitute teacher and belongs to Kappa Omicron Tau, the national teachers sorority. A young lady with international tastes, Miss Walker has traveled throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. She lives on the West Side and rides the Tireman and Dexter buses.

Would you like a chance to be Miss DSR? If you're 17 or older just send your picture to 500 Fisher Building. It's as simple as that.

(See over)





*Mayor Coleman Young
1974-1994*

and

*Councilman Mel Ravitz
1961-1974, 1982-1997*





BEYOND THE BORDERS TO A REGIONAL SYSTEM

It's taken 40 years and 24 attempts in the state Legislature to create a truly regional public transit authority for metro Detroit – one that fosters and governs a system that serves both the core city and the suburbs.



7	10	11	18	19	21
23	25	27	29	31	34
36	37	38	40	47	48
49	55	74	75		



2003 A QUICK DEMISE FOR DARTA

The following veto message from the Governor was received and read:

Executive Office, Lansing, December 30, 2002

Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan 48913
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning to you without signature, **Enrolled House Bill 5523**.

Education and transportation are vital issues to economic expansion in southeast Michigan. Southeast Michigan needs a strategy for both education and transportation. Neither issue is more important than the other. This bill addresses only the transportation issue. **Without a solution or plan of attack to the education challenges of southeast Michigan, I cannot sign this bill.**

Sincerely,
John Engler
Governor



2003 A QUICK DEMISE FOR DARTA

Michigan Legislature
2002 Votes on DARTA

House of Representatives
93 Yeas | 8 Nays

Senate
26 Yeas | 6 Nays

One Big Gubernatorial VETO.





RTA

**REGIONAL
TRANSIT AUTHORITY**
OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN





A PLANNING FOCUS ON EQUITY & PROSPERITY

DOWNTOWN

7	10	11	18	19	21
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36	37	38	40	47	48
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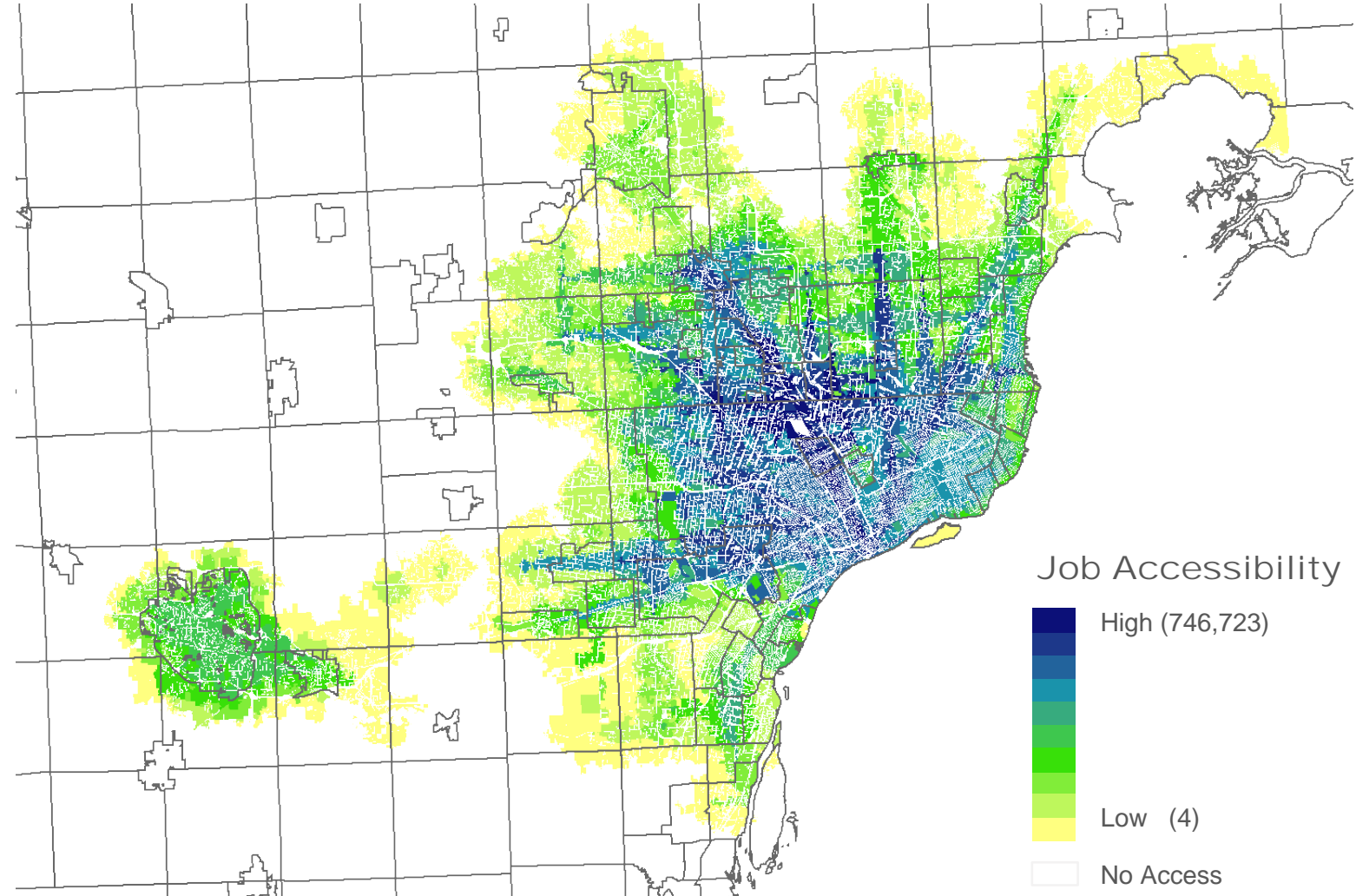


Our Focus

MAKING TRANSIT WORK FOR COMMUTERS

While the average car commute in the region is about 26 minutes, the current average transit commute is an hour, door-to-door. Ensuring that transit lines connect neighborhoods to job centers is a critical first planning step. Reducing that trip time through more efficient mobility connections – especially “last mile” support – ranks as another high priority.

Jobs Within a 60-Minute Transit Commute





Our Focus

GETTING CLOSE TO THE BUS

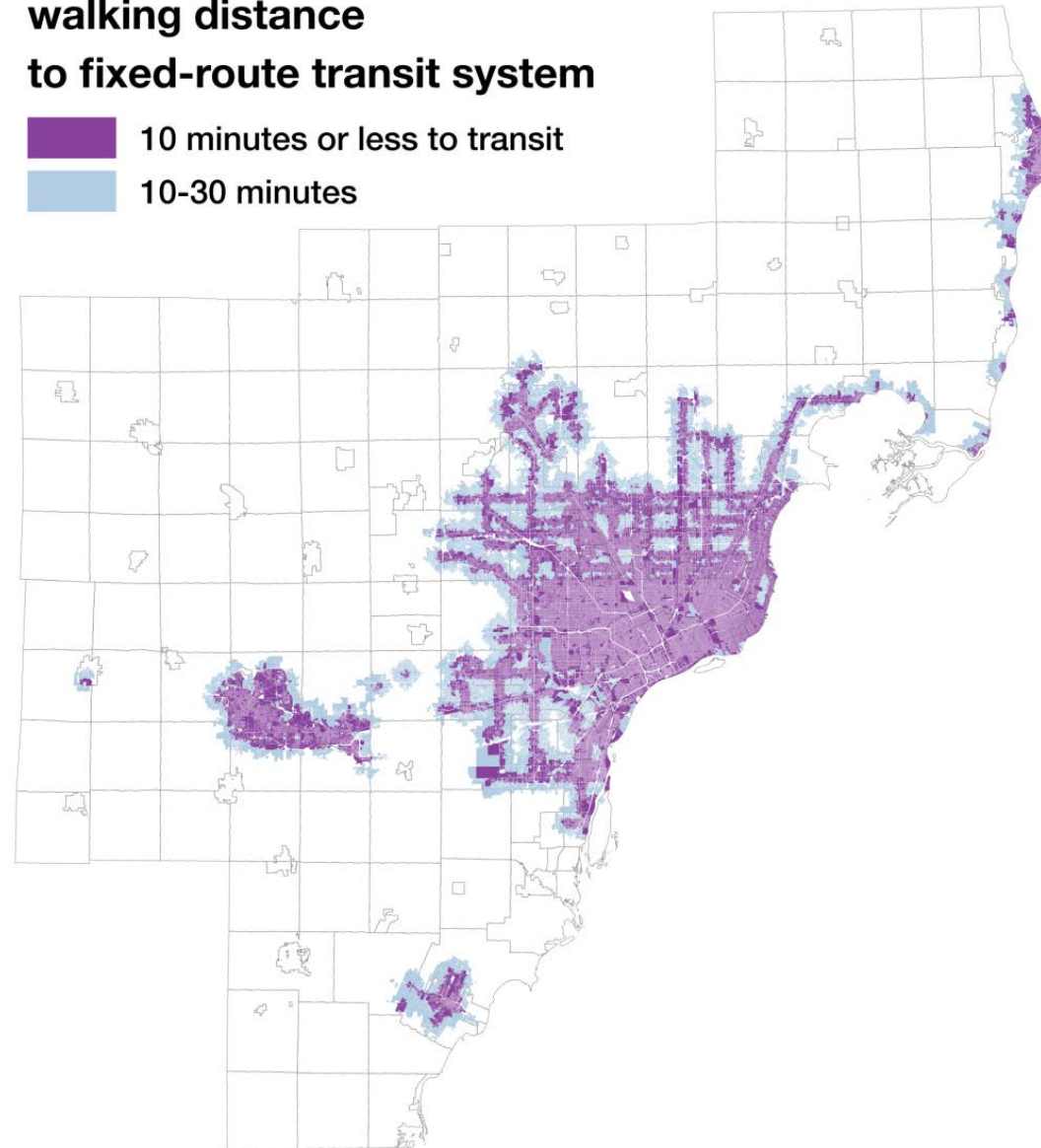
Access to transit is an essential base component of a diverse mobility system. In metro Detroit, we do pretty well. Here's who lives within a 10 minute walk of a transit stop:

- 45% of the total population
- 71% of no-car households
- 69% of households in poverty

In addition, 59% of the region's jobs are within a 10-minute walkshed.

walking distance to fixed-route transit system

- 10 minutes or less to transit
- 10-30 minutes



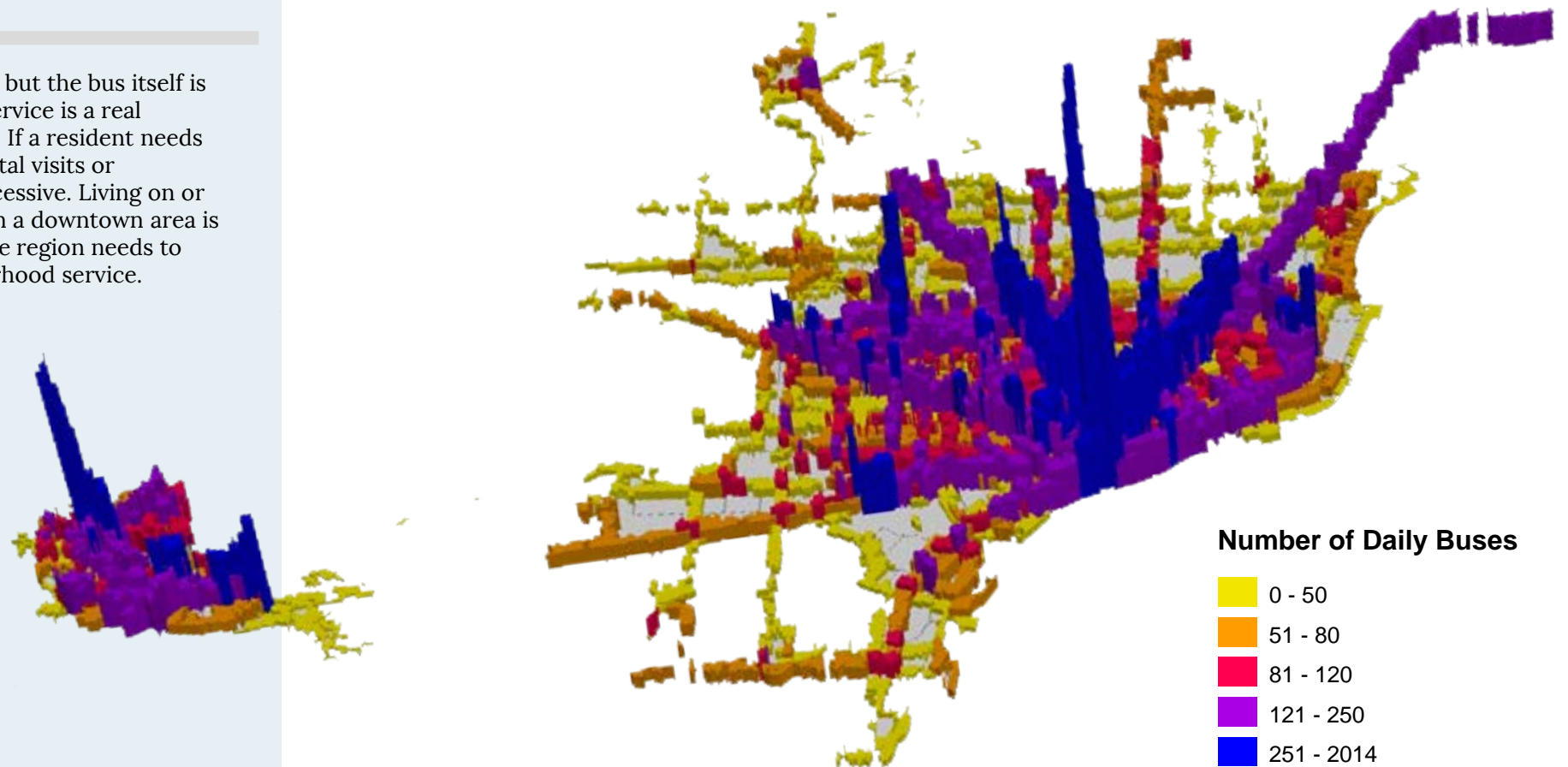


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SHORTENING THE WAIT

The bus stop is typically close, but the bus itself is another story. Frequency of service is a real problem in most of the region. If a resident needs off-peak service (e.g. for hospital visits or shopping) the waits can be excessive. Living on or near an essential corridor or in a downtown area is great for transit access, but the region needs to significantly improve neighborhood service.

Weekday Buses in a 1,500 ft Walkshed





ORGANIZING TO WIN A WORLD-CLASS SYSTEM

DOWNTOWN

7	10	11	18	19	21
23	25	27	29	31	34
36	37	38	40	47	48
49	55	74	75		



FOSTERING A CITIZEN-LED CALL FOR TRANSIT



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Routes and Schedules:
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“My bus, where everybody knows my name”

U of M Doctorial Student Opera
Rhea Olivaccē-Shabazz

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M O M E N T U M

A REGIONAL COALITION FOR
21ST CENTURY TRANSIT IN METRO DETROIT



ENGAGING METRO DETROIT

TARGET

400

Members by
January 1

7 Core Organizations

14 New Members

5%

TO GOAL

Momentum's mission is to build an army of business, civic and governmental organizations committed to advancing the development of a successful regional transportation system that people of the greater Detroit region want, need and are willing to invest in.



290 Active Recruitment Targets



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