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The Tragedy Of Detroit
How a great city fell and how it can rise again

By Daniel Olivot

Olympia Snowe: The Senator Who Holds the Key to Health Care Reform
Joe Klein on Obama’s Foreign Policy Struggles
Heroes of the Environment: Time’s Green All-Star Team

TIME
SPECIAL REPORT

October 5, 2009
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
Surveyors will gather comprehensive condition information for every property in Detroit, with an emphasis on evaluating condition and occupancy.
Every Neighborhood Has A Future...

And It Doesn’t Include Blight

DATA DRIVEN DETROIT... A Michigan Nonprofit Association Affiliate
BLEXTING
Survey property, report problems, and track changes in your neighborhood
Survey Detroit
sign up or login with a LOVELAND Passport
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Jefferson Chalmers

350 Eastlawn

Blexted August 18, 2014

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

Maps:

- Grosse Pointe Park

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
Ownership: private
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
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.

- Open Government Data
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.
Welcome to the Open Data Portal for the City of Detroit
Data.DetroitMI.gov

Results matching category of Government

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**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.
Create Useful Tools that connect Citizens to Government
Improve Detroit

Screenshots from Android phone

Screenshots from iPhone
Pave the Way
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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**

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<th>Month</th>
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- April, 2014: 16,000 residential structures to the DLBA
- November, 2014: 10,000 vacant lots inside HHF areas to DLBA
- January, 2015: “Blight Bundle” and other foreclosed properties transfer to DLBA
- May, 2015: 37,776 residential lots throughout the city to DLBA
Our Approach is Based on 8 Principles

1. Concentrate on our strongest neighborhoods
2. Take entire neighborhoods at once
3. Sue the owners of abandoned houses
4. Sign consent agreements with those who agree to rehab and get occupants
5. Take title from those who don’t consent
6. Auction the houses that have value
7. Demolish those that can’t be saved
8. After demolition, sell lot to neighbor for $100
Marygrove College
Marygrove: 16 Blocks, 700 homes
But out of 700 homes, 120 were abandoned.
Marygrove Neighborhood in May 2014
120 Abandoned Houses
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
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:

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4722 AVERY
DEMOLITIONS

Citywide Completed Demolitions and Projected for 2015

- Demolitions (3,776 Properties)
- Projected Dems for 2015 (4,379 Properties)
- HHF Second Expansion
- Original HHF Target Areas
- HHF Expansion

Building Detroit
Forward by the Detroit Land Bank Authority
Sending Post Cards for Those Previously Demolished

$100*
SIDE LOT PROGRAM STARTS NOW

DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY
SIDE LOT SALE

CALL 1-844-BUY-DLBA FOR MORE INFORMATION
Now auctioning three houses per day –
Starting bid is $1,000

- 18423 Monica
  - Sale date: 09/27/2014
  - 1,300 sq ft
  - 3 bed
  - 1 bath

- 5900 Drexel
  - Sale date: 09/27/2014
  - 1,000 sq ft
  - 3 bed
  - 1 bath

- 5058 Chalmers
  - Sale date: 09/28/2014
  - 1,200 sq ft
  - 5 bed
  - 2 bath

- 18403 Santa Rosa
  - Sale date: 09/28/2014
  - 1,400 sq ft
  - 3 bed
  - 1 bath

- 18211 Prairie
  - Sale date: 09/29/2014
  - 1,300 sq ft
  - 3 bed
  - 1 bath

- 5312 Newport
  - Sale date: 09/29/2014
  - 2,100 sq ft
  - 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
- Donation for Demolition Program
- Additional Side Lot Fairs
- Direct Sale Program
- Occupied Properties Program
- Donation for Demolition Program
- More challenges...
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.
A BIT ABOUT DETROIT’S TRANSIT HISTORY
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 Alameda, Georgia, she lives with her parents in northeast Detroit. Jackie is a graduate of Parshall 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 Grey Line tour season. Starting June 1, Grey Line offers tours of downtown, Detroit, Greenfield Village and the Pabsamiter Company (four hours), and the Civic Center, Belle Isle and Windsor, Ontario (three hours). Beginning June 15, Grey 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 Grey Line coaches are air-conditioned. Call 906-5907, 903-9255 or 921-2600 for information and bookings.

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Miss DSR says —

**DAUNE BERGEN**
Miss DSR, September, 1968

Pretty Daune Bergen is a vivacious brunette with hazel eyes. A recent graduate of Cady High School, she is 18 years old 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 could 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... just save a little extra time. Have correct change ready when you board the bus. Better yet, use DSR bus tickets.

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Miss DSR says —

**BARBARA WALKER**
Miss DSR, February, 1969

Barbara Walker attends Wayne State University. She is a substitute teacher who is a U.S. Navy veteran. Miss Walker has traveled throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. She lives on the West Side and rides the Timron and Dexter buses.

Would you like a chance to be like 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  
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.
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
Michigan Legislature
2002 Votes on DARTA

House of Representatives
93 Yeas | 8 Nays

Senate
26 Yeas | 6 Nays

One Big Gubernatorial VETO.
A PLANNING FOCUS ON EQUITY & PROSPERITY
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.
**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.
Our Focus

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.
ORGANIZING TO WIN A WORLD-CLASS SYSTEM
MOMENTUM
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**

- **63 In Process**
- **206 Additional Identified Targets**

**290 Active Recruitment Targets**

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.