



We engage diverse groups of public and private entities who tie solutions together in a creative and mutually beneficial way. The FREE Project improves the efficiency, capacity, and competitiveness of Michigan's diverse workforce while conducting blight removal, job training, and community-led design.

The FREE Pilot Project will improve a blighted and vacant 16-parcel site in the McDougall-Hunt neighborhood on Detroit's near-east side. Construction improvements will be performed by local businesses who can learn critical skills to participate in infrastructure projects.

The future use and maintenance of the physical space is guided by local community residents, organizations and surrounding institutions.

Partners



HNTB



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RecoveryPark



Connecting Communities with Resources

Framework and Resources for Empowering Environments

Benefits

- ▶ **Enhancing the capacity of local businesses** to deliver infrastructure projects
- ▶ **Conducting blight removal in local communities** to improve safety, security, and quality of life
- ▶ **Empowering local nonprofits** for long-term sustainable property stewardship
- ▶ **Investing directly into communities** to build collaborative local businesses
- ▶ **Promoting restorative justice** to drive diverse and equitable development
- ▶ **Creating environments conducive** to Human, Organizational, Physical, and Economic (HOPE) Development

How Can You Contribute?

- Construction and planting materials
- Talent, labor and construction equipment
- Construction plans, designs, and inspection services
- Financial planning assistance
- Skilled trades training
- Workforce development opportunities
- Apprenticeship programs
- Monetary donations or working capital
- Organizational mentoring
- Supportive services
- Operational budget assistance

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Pilot Site



McDougall-Hunt Pilot Project, looking northeast from Hendricks Street

