

An aerial perspective rendering of a proposed park or urban development. The scene features a large green lawn area with several white, translucent greenhouse-like structures scattered across it. A network of paved paths, including a wide multi-use trail with a dedicated bicycle lane, winds through the space. The paths are populated with small figures of people walking and riding bicycles. Mature trees with green and autumn-colored foliage are planted along the paths and in clusters. To the left, a residential street labeled 'GREEN PINE' runs parallel to the park, with cars parked and driving. To the right, another street labeled 'ALPINE ST.' is visible, with more houses and trees. The overall atmosphere is bright and sunny, suggesting a pleasant outdoor environment.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings MiASLA members!

As we embark on a new year, let's look forward to completing jobs yet unfinished in 2021, and let's position ourselves (mentally and physically) to take on new work with a promise of personal and environmental fulfillment in 2022. It's time to leave COVID in our rear view mirrors, get our shots, and move on with things in our lives and work that really matter to us personally and professionally. We can do this because we have courage, creativity, and commitment to a higher level of attainment, and we have a profession that tolerates these qualities in the workplace, even demands it!

Think about this for a moment. As Landscape Architects, we are in a unique vocation that focuses, for the most part, on improving things. Our work solves, resolves, and/or prevents problems in our communities and environment, not creates them. It works at all scales, from tiny indigenous species needing protection in endangered habitats to a national need for protection from terrorism. It archives, inventories, profiles, maps, and interprets ecosystems and built environments. Oftentimes, it contributes to community place identity. We design to make streets safe again, manage stormwater to reduce floods, implement soil erosion practices to protect streams and aquatic habitat, and re-green school yards after years of concrete and asphalt

playgrounds. How many other professions can claim the depth and breadth of positive, life-enhancing work that we perform? For me, this is the reason I chose to practice Landscape Architecture instead of Medicine. If you think about it, I bet somewhere in your subconscious, this is why you chose this profession as well. Oh sure, there are days you may want to pull your hair out, but really, don't you think you have more days when you have trouble deciding if you are having fun or working? How many other vocations provide that kind of balance when on the job!

It's been my pleasure to serve as your Chapter President. I've met and worked with wonderful ASLA members, and I've learned so much. With pride I've seen the creative work you're engaged in, and I look forward to seeing this Chapter continue to promote great practitioners.

So, let's reverse the trends of the COVID years. Put all the potential of Landscape Architecture to work now. We're stronger and more committed than ever. Make the pandemic the catalyst we've been looking for to do our best work!

Best wishes.

Jo Westphal, FASLA, FCELA
President, Michigan Chapter of ASLA

ON THE COVER: A segment of Phase 1 of the Joe Louis Greenway. Photo Credit: SmithGroup.

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Honor Award [general design]

AUBURN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Rochester Hills, Michigan | OHM ADVISORS

Auburn Road was once a main thoroughfare in southeast Michigan, connecting two thriving counties just north of Detroit. However, once the M-59 freeway was completed, this section of road became less traveled, yet continued as a barrier between the surrounding residential neighborhood. Positioned at the shared border of Oakland and Macomb Counties, the City of Rochester Hills recognized the importance of updating this corridor, and today Auburn Road is telling a new story.

This half-mile segment of Auburn Road sets an admirable precedent for the future of neighborhood redevelopment in this region by taking a multifaceted approach to transportation and design. The streetscape boasts a comprehensive green infrastructure system (49 rain gardens), boulevard-style drive lanes, single-lane roundabouts, on-street parking, safer roadway crossings, a reduction of speeds from 45 MPH to 25 MPH, and a pedestrian-focused design. These improvements will help to slow through-traffic, create a destination for people to enjoy, facilitate intra-neighborhood connections, promote further redevelopment, and renew the identity of this corridor as one which can unify a community and bring people together.

Along with the dynamic (and mostly native) plant palette and modern site furnishings, elements such as custom gateway median signage and artistic sculptures within each roundabout bring a sense of place and uniqueness to the area. These features, coupled together with the newly created Brooklands Plaza (complete with splash pad), provide a robust and sincere design that incorporates the sense of community that was requested during the multiple public engagement sessions throughout the design process.

Not only are these built improvements grounded in the stakeholder



recommendations, community goals, and the City mantra (Innovative by Nature); they also act as catalyst, igniting other efforts in pursuit of a better quality of life for residents. Since completion, this community advancing project has already satisfied the desire to boost the economic impact of the surrounding area. Existing businesses have expanded and made improvements, developers have inquired about future land opportunities and the City has approved its first 3-story, mixed use development to be constructed under the newly created overlay zoning district.

The success of this Auburn Road corridor project was not possible without the continued engagement with the neighborhood members, the client, and a truly multi-disciplinary design team. Rooted in the community's aspirations, this project truly meets the triple bottom line – creating social, environmental, and economic benefits for the corridor and surrounding neighborhoods. •

Image 1

Over 45 rain gardens were constructed along the corridor as part of the Auburn Road streetscape project. These rain gardens not only manage storm water, but also have added benefits of filtering out suspended solids, cleaning storm water, replenishing groundwater systems, take storm water loads off existing storm sewer infrastructure and help to maintain moisture levels for plant material to thrive. With thriving plant material comes the benefits of habitat creation, cleaner air, carbon sequestration, shade sources along the streetscape and an increase the aesthetics within the project limits.

Image 2

Artistic parasol structures highlight one of two new roundabouts along the Auburn Road corridor. These roundabouts act as both traffic calming devices as well as focal points for art installations, significant placemaking elements within the streetscape.

Image 3

Custom road signage tucked within the median plantings acts as both a wayfinding element and artistic sculpture as pedestrian and vehicles alike travel through and experience the Auburn Road streetscape.

Image 4

The recently completed Emmons Plaza splash pad is complete with fiber-optic lit pavers, artificial turf climbing mounds, decorative overhead string lights, a splash pad, movable tables and chairs, restroom facilities, and a rain garden.





Honor Award [general design]

JOE LOUIS GREENWAY FRAMEWORK PLAN

Detroit, Michigan | SMITHGROUP

The Joe Louis Greenway is a 27.5-mile recreational pathway that will connect parks and neighborhoods across the City of Detroit, allowing residents to travel safely to and from the riverfront through a combination of new trails, on-street protected bike lanes and links to existing trails like the Dequindre Cut and the RiverWalk. The greenway includes the cities of Dearborn, Hamtramck, and Highland Park, linking them to larger trail systems that crisscross the state of Michigan and pass-through five council districts.

Joe Louis had a bold purpose in life, working tirelessly to advocate for the rights of Black Americans and to promote social justice in the United States. The

Greenway—like the man it honors—has a bold purpose: To celebrate the strength and determination of Detroit's diverse communities. To unify and re-energize neighborhoods previously separated by freeways. To improve access to affordable housing and economic opportunities while promoting job creation and small business development. And to connect Detroiters to history, nature, art, and each other—creating city-wide, communal areas that promote healing, empowerment, and unity across Detroit.

The greenway isn't just a physical path. It represents a journey from one neighborhood to another and from forgotten voices to a forum for ideas and



discussion. The Framework is designed to empower all Detroiters to fully engage with the larger purpose of the greenway—and to embrace this collective journey toward a better tomorrow.

The Framework Plan

The Framework Plan provides a record of the planning and design process—while establishing a guiding direction for the future implementation, management, and operations of the greenway. Woven throughout the document and foundational to the decisions presented in each section, are the voices and vision of Detroit’s residents and stakeholders.

A Community Defined Vision

The process for shaping the Joe Louis Greenway Framework Plan, which included 17 planned events with more than 600 attendees, built trust through shared authorship, celebrating history, culture, and neighborhood identity, providing a safe recreation experience, promoting economic development, connecting neighborhoods and people, and restoring the natural environment. Additionally, City Staff attended 44 community events across the city to share the project. •

Image 1 (Cover)

The Joe Louis Greenway will provide connected, equitable, and engaging spaces throughout Detroit, where people and neighborhoods will find opportunities for empowerment, unification, and healing.

Image 2

Creative methodologies included a ‘Design Your Greenway’ exercise where groups are given a total budget and amenities that must be selected to fulfill functional needs and community desires for the greenway. Each amenity card includes a ‘cost’. Participants collectively advocate for and compromise to select the amenities to meet their priorities within the identified budget.

Image 3

Where feasible, the Greenway employs green infrastructure by preserving open space and natural areas, providing habitat for urban wildlife, offering flexible spaces and year-round interest, adhering to the highest standards of sustainability, and creating beautiful and inspiring landscapes.

Image 4

Communication and outreach utilized multiple platforms, taking advantage of social media, community organizations, and city leadership. Materials were delivered in multiple languages to reach diverse community members.





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Merit Award [general design]

ANN ARBOR FIFTH AND DETROIT STREETScape DESIGN & ENGINEERING

Ann Arbor, Michigan | SMITHGROUP

The Kerrytown District reflects the heart of Ann Arbor and is beloved by residents. Unique local shops, a vibrant farmer's market, and Community High School bring round-the-clock activity and a diversity of people together into a compact space.

Yet, the underlying street fabric—Fifth Avenue and Detroit Street—needed major infrastructure and accessibility improvements. The City of Ann Arbor and the DDA partnered on a comprehensive public realm redesign. The project's values placed designing for all ages and abilities at the center of the decision process, creating people-friendly spaces that reflect the district's vibrancy. The project

team reimagined this gateway roadway, using innovative medians, lane shifts, and crossings to calm traffic and prioritize pedestrian and bicycle safety. Underused pavement and sidewalk areas were converted into active public plazas, featuring community rain gardens, festival lighting, event space, and gathering areas for market goers and students alike.

The completed project exceeded expectations, with the district's aesthetic and cultural charm fully reflected in a sustainable and vibrant street environment. The planning and design team worked directly with the City of Ann Arbor, the Downtown Development Authority, and community groups including the high

school, farmer's market, Kerrytown District Association, Historic District Commission, and neighborhood association.

Recognizing the neighborhood had many user groups with disparate needs, the team hosted extensive public outreach events from the earliest design stages through construction. Civil engineers had a direct connection with members of the community at open workshops, where they previewed design alternatives and engaged the community in finding creative solutions to balance the need for vehicular traffic, a complex set of service and delivery needs, bus access and transit stops, bike connectivity, and pedestrian safety within a complex and dense, active urban site.

Midway through the design process, a pilot project was installed using tactical interventions to test potential street configurations and collect traffic and safety data. This pilot project was instrumental to not only in advancing the final design quality, but in helping the community reimagine how their streets could function. The pilot project moved the needle of public conversation.

Because the designs were driven by data and community input, the streetscape reflects the community's overarching values that all people have safe and equitable access to the public right-of-way. It stands as an example of how well-crafted engineering solutions can help a community forge a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable transportation network and public space. •

Image 1

Because the designs were driven by data and community input, the improved streetscape reflects the community's overarching values that all people have safe and equitable access to the public right of way. It stands as an excellent example of how well-crafted engineering solutions can help a community forge a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable transportation network.

Image 2

This project demonstrates a focus for improving the streetscape aesthetics

while creating a safer inclusive pedestrian environment. Landscape improvements, seating, and amenities supported the overall goal to create a distinctive destination in the City of Ann Arbor. Sculptural Adirondack chairs, a memorial to a long-time farmer's market vendor, were integrated into the seating design.

Image 3

Understanding the community's values guided each street design project, with substantial public outreach and engagement at each step in the process.

Image 4

The project is a significant asset in the downtown street network, providing a tangible example of how streets can prioritize pedestrians' safety, provide capacity for vehicular traffic, balance the needs of multiple street users, and integrate sustainable engineering practices, all while creating a great place to live, work, study, and experience civic life.





What's New With The Michigan ASLA Foundation?

The Michigan ASLA Foundation has been working to continue it's outreach efforts. Focusing on engaging young people, students, and emerging professionals of all backgrounds, we have some new resources to help spread the word about landscape architecture.

A New YouTube Channel!

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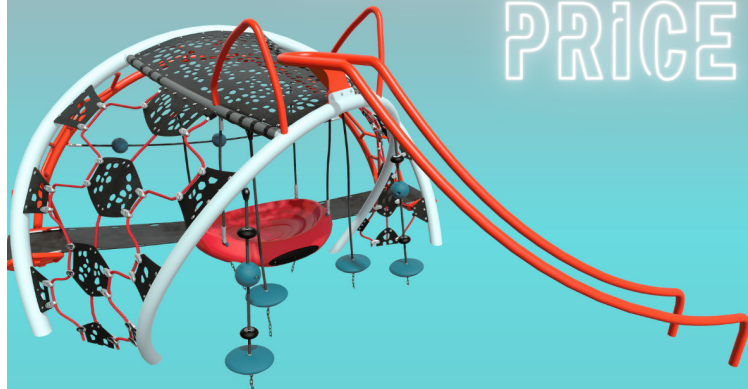


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Honor Award [planning and analysis]

EAST DAVIDSON VILLAGE EDGING FRAMEWORK PLAN

Detroit, Michigan | CITY OF DETROIT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

In 2019 the City of Detroit Planning and Development Department completed the Campau/Davison/Banglatown Framework Plan and launched the East Davison Village Edging Framework Plan to take a deeper dive into stabilization strategies in the East Davison Village Neighborhood. With the largest inventory of publicly owned vacant land in the larger planning study area, East Davison Village experienced many destabilizing forces such as illegal dumping and crime, and diminished property values. However, through the Edging plan, residents and long-time land stewards were given the opportunity to build on their existing efforts and create social, environmental and economic capital to celebrate and showcase the unique local identity of their neighborhood.

The design and engagement process for the Edging Framework Plan was co-developed with the East Davison Village Community Group (EDVCG), an active block club turned non-profit organization, with a mission to provide empowerment and self-reliance for its members and attract resources to the neighborhood. EDVCG provided guidance and ideas through a series of focus group meetings, site tours and phone interviews. EDVCG members co-facilitated and co-led all community events.

During the planning process, the community established six specific goals that resulted in six edge design typologies: Garden, Ground, Identity, Play, Gather

and Exchange. Edge typologies are ways of transforming the edge of the lot to create beautiful, safe, and well-cared for spaces. The strategies for these six typologies can be mixed and matched to create simple, single-lot spaces or expansive multi-lot edge networks and vary in cost, construction time and maintenance. In September of 2020, the planning team held an outdoor community event which showcased 3 of the typologies built and assembled by East Davison Village residents. Community members were able to try out the temporary installations and provide feedback for refinement.

At the end of the plan, a digital guide was created to help individuals navigate the process of land acquisition, design selection, cost and installation and maintenance and care of the lots. Over time, these smaller edge improvements will stitch the neighborhood together, like a quilt, strengthening connections, increasing ecological resilience and function, and providing places for people to gather, play and share ideas. Since the plan's completion in December of 2020, the Detroit Land Bank Authority has received and approved five Edge Plan projects in East Davison Village. The East Davison Village Framework Plan Guide can be accessed at www.detroitmi.gov/campaubanglatown.

The City of Detroit's design and planning consultants on the project were TEN x TEN (lead), D.I.R.T. Studio, Peter Del Tredici, and Global Detroit •



Image 1, 3 and 4

Long-time East Davidson Village resident Ms. Patricia Cortner making her voice heard on the Exchange Stage Installation. Images from community events.

Image 2

Edges are the outermost areas of a residential lot. They are the boundary along the street, alley, or sides of a privately-owned property neighboring other lots. The "size" of an edge ranges from 5'-30' deep. Because the edge improvements will be located on the edges of a private property adjacent to a public sidewalk, street, or alley, they offer the potential of benefiting everyone and serving as a communal civic edge.



Merit Award [planning and analysis]

EAST WARREN / CADIEUX NEIGHBORHOOD FRAMEWORK PLAN

Detroit, Michigan | OHM ADVISORS

The East Warren/Cadieux Neighborhood Framework Plan is a plan of action intended to guide both short- and long-term growth and investment in the MorningSide, East English Village, and Cornerstone Village neighborhoods of Detroit. The Plan was co-crafted by the City of Detroit and neighborhood residents, and is built on inclusionary growth, economic opportunity, and an atmosphere of trust.

The project area includes both stable and blighted neighborhoods, yet a disproportionately high percentage of the population has been subjected to the stresses and declines of Detroit. The neighborhood's challenges were

exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which impacted Detroit extraordinarily hard, and were furthered during the heightened awareness of police violence against Black Americans in 2020. Through a rigorous and multi-faceted engagement strategy that relied on physically distanced information gathering, the development of the Framework leaned into these realities to provide a venue for community building and discourse. Utilizing both high- and low-tech engagement tools, the Plan was able to promote meaningful dialogue between residents, business owners and civic leaders.

The plan is grounded in four focus areas that work in tandem to build momentum

and deliver immediate impacts: Commercial and Mixed-Use Development; E. Warren Streetscape; Parks and Open Space; and Neighborhood Stabilization. Together, these represent the City's best opportunities for public investment and intend to catalyze private development to drive lasting change. Since the economic impacts of the pandemic have been deeply felt in the neighborhood, the strategies of the Plan intend to provide an economic springboard for the local economy to emerge stronger than before.

The Framework Plan was executed through Detroit's Strategic Neighborhood Fund, a program that leverages philanthropic contributions to finance community-centered investment in Detroit's underinvested neighborhoods. As a result, the project area is already receiving investment. E. Warren will undergo a 10 block, \$7 million streetscape reconstruction prioritizing pedestrian-scale commercial activity. The near-term development pipeline along the corridor includes five projects that will restore mixed-income housing and small retail businesses. Balduck Park, one of Detroit's largest parks, will receive \$1 million in improvements in 2022. Lastly, by leveraging \$500,000 in funding, the Detroit Land Bank Authority will rehab and sell dozens of vacant houses in the neighborhood. The E. Warren/Cadieux Neighborhood Framework Plan will give MorningSide, East English Village, and Cornerstone Village the tools to become one of Detroit's strongest and most resilient communities. •

Image 1

A major goal of E. Warren/Cadieux Neighborhood Framework Plan was to reactivate the neighborhood commercial corridor with new businesses, residences, and activities by coordinating the streetscape and commercial building investments in the center of the neighborhood.

Image 2

A focused home renovation program targets residences near neighborhood amenities like schools, parks, libraries, churches, and the E. Warren commercial corridor with the goal of adding new homeowners.

Image 3

The overall strategy of the Plan focuses the investments near each other to have a larger impact to the community. By coordinating investments in the streetscape, mixed-use developments, home rehabs, and public spaces, a greater proportion of residents will benefit.



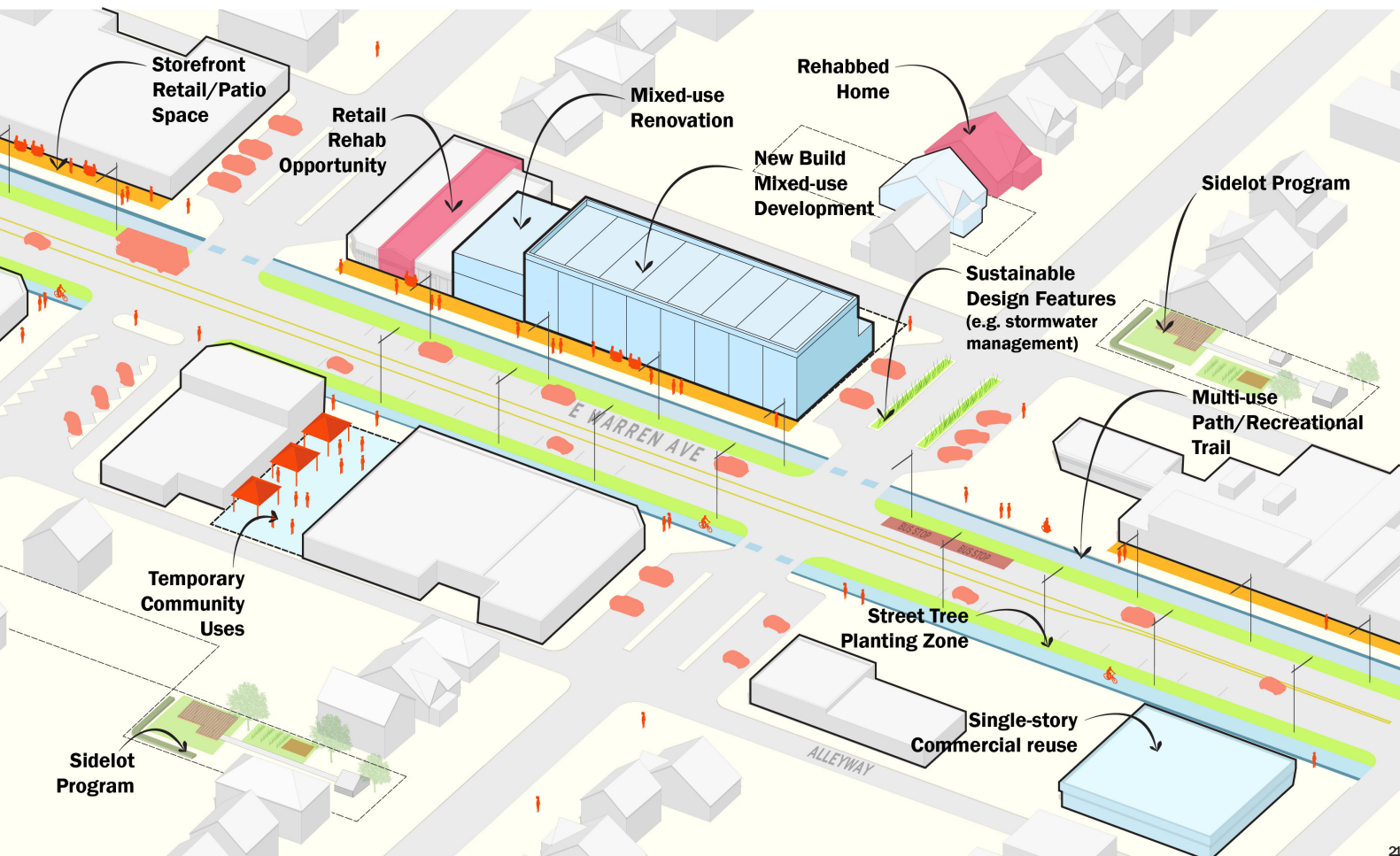




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Award of Excellence [2021 social equity]

MICHIGAN CHAPTER ASLA FOUNDATION

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The Michigan Chapter ASLA Foundation was founded in 2021 as a 501(c)3 charitable organization that provides support in the form of scholarships, grants, and aid to students and emerging professionals from historically underserved demographics pursuing a career in landscape architecture to further their educational endeavors and professional development, while easing barriers to entry into the field. The Foundation is responsible for fundraising and collecting donated funds for scholarships and activities.

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee aims to encourage, promote, and celebrate diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Michigan ASLA chapter and profession. The committee supports the work of the Foundation and the chapter by focusing on initiatives aimed at recruitment, retention, mentorship, training, outreach, events, and community discussions for our students, members, and communities, inclusive of race, gender, class, ethnicity, culture, age, ability, and sexual orientation. There are a total of five subcommittees associated with the DEI Committee including Education, Fundraising, Scholarship, Communications, Outreach and Partnerships.

The Michigan Chapter ASLA Foundation created the DEI Scholarship in 2021 to support BIPOC students at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan in their pursuit of an undergraduate or master's degree in landscape architecture. The Foundation's aim is to aid in the development of a more diverse and inclusive generation of future leaders in the profession that is more representative of our communities. The DEI Scholarship is a one-time award of \$2,500. Two scholarships will be awarded for the 2021-2022 school year. For more information or questions about the scholarship, please email Stephanie Onwenu, VP of DEI at dei@michiganasla.org.

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THE CITY OF ECORSE DOWNTOWN CORRIDOR AND RIVERFRONT REVITALIZATION

Ecorse, Michigan | PAIGE O'KEEFE, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Design Team Members: Paige O'Keefe, Jiajun Ni & Victor Pineda

In recent decades, resilience has been a widely discussed and applied topic within research focusing on a variety of factors such as environmental, social, and economic dimensions. Environmental resilience commonly highlights current natural hazards and disasters because of climate change, and how these vulnerabilities ultimately affect both the natural and built environment of the area. Social resilience relates to the broad social conditions that a community faces such as access to open space and recreational areas, effects of overcrowded housing, and safety levels. Resilience is also viewed economically as job creation, economic stimulation through new businesses and the annual savings from renewable energy all contribute to a community's ability to withstand financial crises. Considering all three dimensions in relation to community resilience, this project highlights the most frequently used indicators and variables within existing community resilience indexes, assessments, and toolkits. After completing the process of highlighting these variables across all dimensions, the site location of the downtown area in the City of Ecorse was identified as the most vulnerable city located within Wayne County, Michigan. The landscape performance metrics applied to the proposed design guideline cohesively show how the City of Ecorse will greatly benefit through resilience factors environmentally, socially, and economically.

The City of Ecorse is located in southeast Michigan, specifically within Wayne County directly south of the City of Detroit and adjacent to the Detroit River. Due to the city's history as a regional industrial center for steel, shipping, and railroad infrastructure, it has faced many economic, environmental, and social challenges within the past forty years, as indicated by the low resilience index. As the city's major sources of employment began to fall apart, the property

values, state and federal grants, overall revenue and quality of services declined as well creating the crises that it faces today. The location of Ecorse being directly adjacent to the Detroit River created its colloquial term of a "downriver community" alongside many other inner ring suburban communities. Within the site boundary the focus areas were identified as the downtown corridor including John D. Dingell Park and the industrial land located directly north of the park. This site's major issues include a lack of pedestrian and non-motorized vehicular connectivity, a lack of placemaking and recreation along the downtown corridor, and the growth of blighted neighborhoods as a result of a declining economy and population. •

Image 1

The site location specifically targets the downtown corridor, John D. Dingell Park, and the riverfront along the Detroit River surrounded by blighted neighborhoods. The main goals of the project targeted are placemaking and recreation, a sense of identity within blighted neighborhoods, and pedestrian and non-motorized connectivity.

CLEVELAND...

A Rustbelt City?

POPULATION DENSITY

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MEDIAN INCOME OF HOUSEHOLDS

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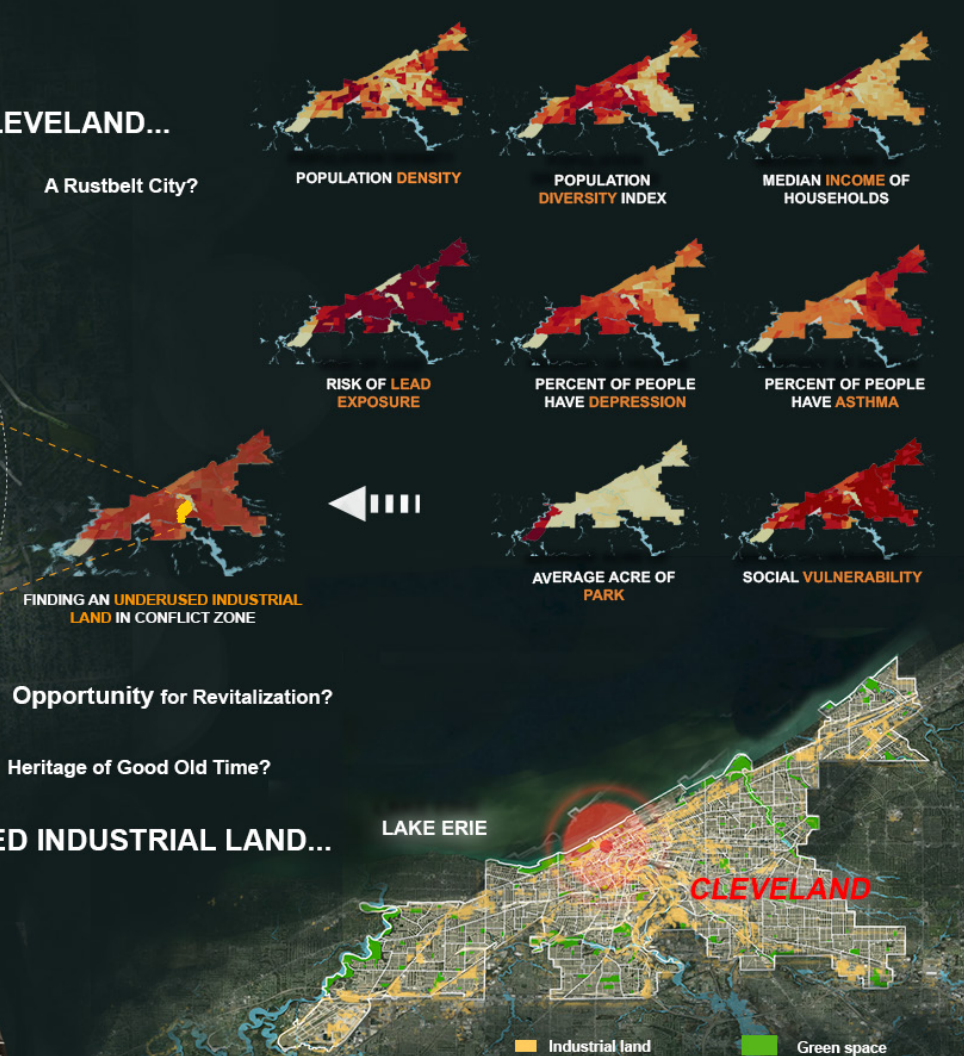
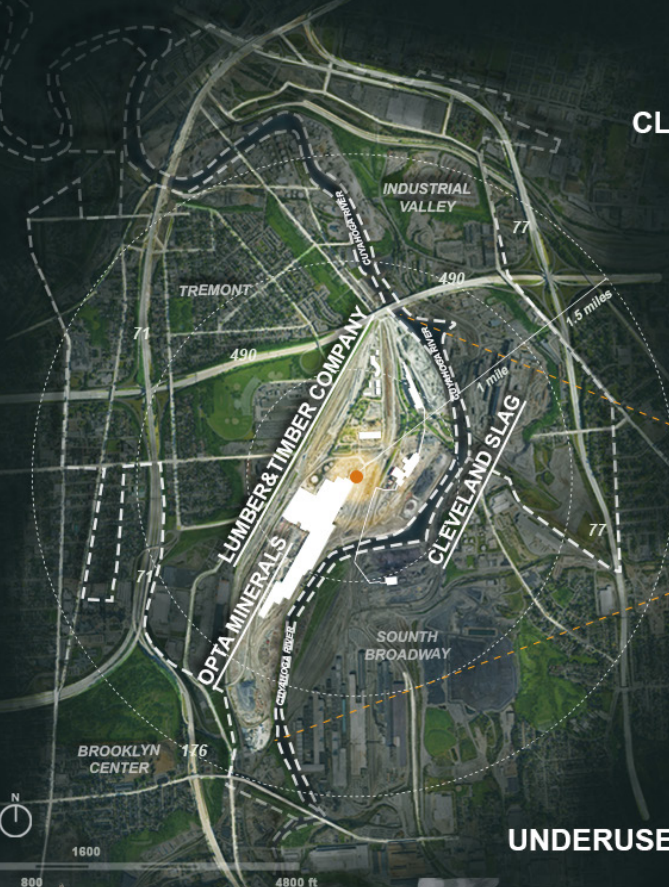
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Industrial land

Green space



Student Merit Award

BUILDING A SANCTUARY

Cleveland, Ohio | ZHELIN LI, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The project “Building a Sanctuary” is a transformative plan of urban industrial land to a revolutionary multi-use city hub in Cleveland, Ohio. It proposes and tests a systematic way of reclaiming underused industrial land in a rustbelt city and preparing it to face the challenges brought by climate change. The transformation plan consists of two phases and strategies around 4 main themes: “reclaim”, “restore”, “support” and “protect”. Those sustainability and resiliency oriented strategies are general, science-based and replicable for other cities. As climate change turns many rustbelt cities into new climate havens, these forward-thinking design strategies and cutting-edge technologies will inspire projects with similar objectives in the near future. In a word, this project starts from practice, sees the future and counts on science, which reveals clues to revitalize rustbelt cities and transform them into real sanctuaries from which both humans and nature will benefit. •

Image 1

Cleveland is likely to become the new destination of climate migration. Widely-existing underused industrial lands might have potential to become a “sanctuary”. The possible “sanctuary” was located by analysis on demographic, social and public health at different scales.

Image 2

A systematic transformation was proposed with two phases. In phase 1 the less contaminated area will be reclaimed, redeveloped into a hyper city center. In phase 2 the contaminated area will be remediated and restored into a hyper urban ecosystem.



2021 PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

Emerging Professional of the Year



STEPHANIE ONWENU

Stephanie Onwenu is only a few years removed from her Landscape Architecture degree from Michigan State University, yet she has become a strong advocate for broadening the ranks of practicing professionals in terms of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Her efforts culminated in the creation of the Michigan Chapter ASLA Foundation, a 501(c3) entity dedicated to advancing DEI within the profession. This initiative has caught the attention of the national Executive Committee at ASLA, and the Michigan effort is now serving as a model for other state chapters across the country. As an Associate Member in the Michigan Chapter, her trajectory for success has been established very early in her career. Her personal commitment and resilient nature insures a meteoric pathway as she becomes a full member this year.

Honor Award

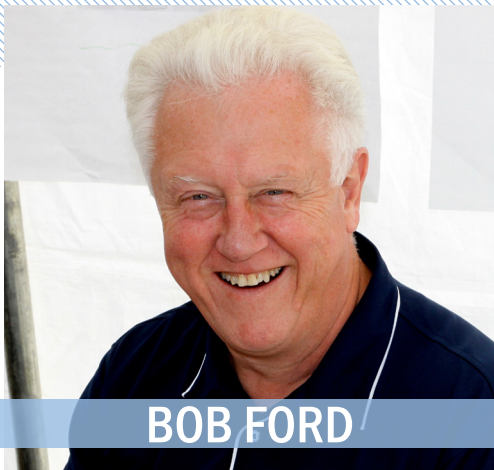


SCOTT BLACK & UNILOCK

Unilock Michigan, Inc., and specifically Scott Black, has been a perennial backer of the MiASLA Golf Outing. In 2021, Scott Black with the help of Kyle Verseman, set out to revitalize the Golf Outing by working with allied fields of Landscape Architecture that supported our profession. Their commitment to the cause resulted in one of the most robust gathering of individuals seen at the golf outing in a decade with over 100 golfers plus visitors which produced significant scholarship revenues for students this upcoming year.

The attendance reflected a genuine interest of Scott and Kyle in reuniting with old friends in the landscaping industry. The importance of this type of camaraderie cannot be under-estimated in stressful times outside of the industry. Beyond this year, Unilock Michigan, Inc. permitted Scott Black to take time out of his schedule to regularly engage at Excom meetings.

Distinguished Member of the Year



BOB FORD

Few people can match the infectious enthusiasm of Bob Ford for mixing learning opportunities with fun-filled, healthy, and socially-important recreation activities. A good example is the LaRide. For Bob, it's not just an enjoyable "ride in a park"; it has become a passion for the last six years. Bob uses the ride to teach others about the important work that Landscape Architects perform in their communities.

Besides LaRide, Bob has been a perennial supporter of the chapter, as an officer, trustee, and MiASLA representative. He has served as the first President of the Michigan State University, Landscape Architecture Alumni Advisory Board for two terms; supported numerous internship opportunities for students; and continued active engagement with the public through community events that support Landscape Architecture throughout the state.

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MiASLA chapter has received outstanding support from Landscape Forms, Inc. field representative, Kyle Verseman. Kyle's work, in cooperation with other Excom members, pioneered the creation of the Michigan ASLA Foundation to promote diversity, equity and inclusiveness in the profession. As a 501 (c3) entity, the Foundation is a bright star on the horizon that is dedicated to ushering in a new pool of talented professionals from all walks of life.

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