

Cooley Reuse Project Partnership with Detroit Future City: A Proposal for Community Development

TARGET: To partner with Detroit Future City (DFC) in ways that allow Cooley Reuse Project (CRP) to support area initiatives, the community, its citizens and all visitors to the site:

- List Cooley site as a community resource on all DFC maps and communications
- Ascertain funding opportunities from sources such as Kresge Foundation
- Utilize DFC's services: strategy, research, strategic coordination and education
- Enhance DFC's initiatives in the following areas: city systems, civic engagement, economic growth, land and building assets, and neighborhoods.

Many of DFC's initiatives and projects coincide with CRP's goals:

- **Carbon Buffering Pilot Program** and **DWSD Performance Rate Reduction Pilot** -- Cooley will become LEED Certified which necessitates the following: solar and greywater systems, water run-off capture, off-the-grid energy sources; urban gardens and aquaponic (indoor soil-free) gardens
- **Challenge Detroit -- Blight Impact** -- Cooley is currently a 321,000 square foot, 18 acre blight on the Belmont Community. Our already-strong community partnerships allow this project to bring together stakeholders -- residents, churches, community councils and associations, Cooley alumni, City Council, Department of Neighborhoods and Greening of Detroit -- to support neighborhood engagement and capacity building on and beyond the Cooley site.
- **Detroit Neighborhood Arts** -- With a 1,000 seat theater and art production spaces, CRP can add to this Grandmont Rosedale pilot project.
- **DFC Ideas for Innovation** and **Dust Health Engagement** -- Cooley is an innovation site and, therefore, an ideal meeting place as well as a clearinghouse of information and resources.
- **Employment District Marketing** -- Cooley is sited less than one mile from the Six Mile Development Corridor (composed of education and medical Institutions -- "Eds and Meds") and the projected Lyndon Corridor. Cooley's variety of programs and services will support and enhance the vitality of these development corridors and their expansion.

FINANCIAL: Detroit Reuse Project, Inc., a 501c3 Economic Development Corporation, is structured as a directorship. Revenue from lease holders is the means by which construction and operations costs, site improvements, and loan repayments will be generated.

STATUS: Cooley High School will soon be purchased by Detroit Reuse Project, Inc., an Economic Development Corporation, and when that occurs, immediate action must be taken to initiate operations income and long- and short-term leases.

ACTION: Set up a meeting with CRP's Development Team and DFC's advisors.