

RECOMMENDATIONS: HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS

Establish policies that encourage City and community to work together to design and implement healthy, active, sustainable neighborhoods.



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TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESERVING NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY

- Enforce Property Maintenance Code, including properly resourcing the Department of Administrative Hearings for code enforcement
- Designate and enforce local truck routes to protect neighborhood health
- Aggressively pursue illegal dumpers
- Upgrade and maintain sufficient public lighting for public safety

ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP IN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

- Adopt predictable, transparent process to support community-driven neighborhood planning and development
- Prioritize health, sustainability, equity, and civic participation in master plan and zoning updates
- Work with Detroit Public Schools to ensure school-siting decisions enhance healthy neighborhoods and reduce pollution exposure to children
- Update the Recreation Master Plan with community inclusion, ensuring equitable access to open space network
- Support local efforts for alternative community-building housing models such as intentional communities, co-housing, eco-blocks
- Support efforts to increase healthy, affordable food access through farmers markets, urban agriculture, local food production, and so on through zoning and regulatory reform

SUPPORT TOOLS FOR COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT

- Designate City champions for establishing community-driven Community Benefit Agreements, Good Neighbor Agreements, and conducting Health Impact Assessments
- Facilitate early public participation in state water and air permitting processes
- Implement a transparent tracking system for illegal dumping and other citizen reports

SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS THAT IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY

- Increase tree canopy, which studies show correlates with reduced crime rates
- Prioritize child lead poisoning prevention to combat its IQ-lowering and aggression-increasing effects
- Upgrade public lighting to a durable, resource-efficient system for safer streets and neighborhoods
- Implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design and neighborhood walkability