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PUBLIC OPEN SPACE: THE DRIVING FORCE IN DETROIT'S TRANSFORMATION

SAT-B11 | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018 | 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

OVERVIEW

Vacant land is Detroit's greatest asset, where greenways, gardens, parks and plazas establish a vision of hope. Persistent Detroiters are reclaiming the riverfront, rail corridors, alleys and vacant lots so that thoughtfully designed spaces can elevate daily experiences, strengthen connections to landscape and each other, and catalyze Detroit's transformation.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Understand how open spaces can regenerate neighborhoods in the absence of new development.
2. Learn how to repurpose vacant and underutilized land to reanimate depopulated neighborhoods.
3. Explore strategies for equitable access to healthy lifestyles through recreation, mobility, and food production.
4. Examine the role of well-designed open space in transforming daily experiences of city residents.



