











our common ground on the Cut





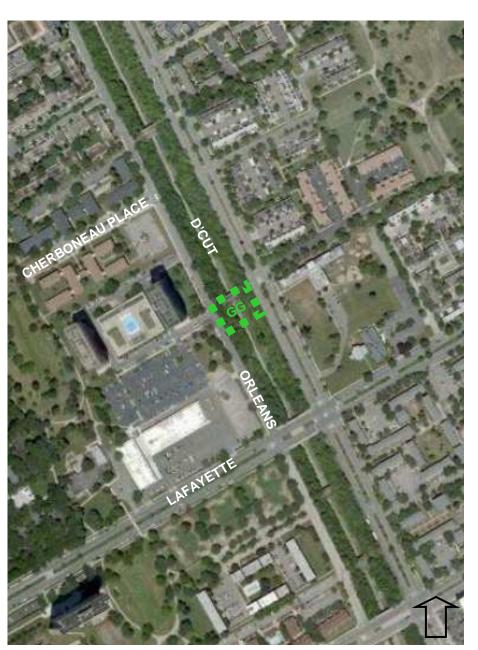






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Draft Mission: The Greenway Garden will provide common ground where near east side neighbors can grow fresh food, beautify our neighborhood, and connect to each other and the natural world.



Garden Location + Context:

- Orleans Street north of Lafayette across from Lafayette Towers entry on an upland abutment of the Dequindre Cut
- In the center of the Lafayette Park and Elmwood Park neighborhoods
- Over 20 Residential Groups filled with potential Gardeners!
- Detroit Garden Resource Program Cluster 3 + 4 (Detroit 4H Center and Catherine Ferguson Farm)



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Greenway Gardeners 2007:

- Lafayette Towers: Pete Bacevice,
 Ashley Weigl, Sachiko Woods and
 Jonathan Centala, Delbert Greer
- Chateaufort: Terry Coleman-Hannon
- LaSalle Coop: Vicky Keating
- Joliet Coop: Constance Bodurow
- Nicolet Coop: Paolo Aquino, and Amanda Chan
- St. Joseph's: Stephen Weber
- Town Square Coop: Ella Smith
- U of M: Larry Gant
- Clean-up + Maintenance: Neil
 McEachern, Jackie and Earl Bell, et al.



Garden History 2006-2007:

- Urban Roots Course completed 2006
- Site Survey by MSU Extension + Detroit Garden Center
- LP50 Anniversary Celebration
- Community Garden Permit through
 City of Detroit Planning + Development
 Department (PDD)
- Community Garden Membership
 Cluster 3 + 4
- Detroit Garden Resource Site Survey







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2007 Gardening Season

Spring: Clean Up + Site Preparation

- Motor City Makeover Saturday 12 May
- Spring DGRP Cluster 3 + 4 Activities
- DGRC Water Conservation Workshop and Rain Barrel Construction 09 June
- D'Cut Construction Document review (with Greening of Detroit | DGRP) + "Greenlight" in July







2007 Gardening Season

Summer: Garden Work Day: 24 August

- Construction and Waterproofing of two
 4 x 8' Raised Beds
- Careful Garden Layout (two raised and two at-grade planting beds)
- Additional Clean-up
- Pick-up, delivery + spreading of Wood Chips and Compost









2007 Gardening Season

Summer: Garden Work Day: 24 August

Planting Seeds:

- Spinach
- Collard Greens
- Mustard Greens
- Turnips
- Beets







2007 Gardening Season

Summer - Fall: Garden Maintenance

- Daily Watering Assignments
- Thinning of Seedlings
- Monitoring Garden Progress and D'Cut Landscape Removal and Pedestrian Walkway Demolition



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Generous Donations:

- Detroit Garden Resource Program: seeds, technical assistance, tools, materials and supplies
- Habitat (Lafayette Towers): Water
- St. Joseph's: Garden Tools; Tarp; Top Soil, Bottled Water
- Charles & Sons Landscaping: pickup and delivery of compost
- City of Detroit: Gloves and Trash Bags
- Larry Gant: Pick-up Truck
- Constance Bodurow: DGRP Membership
 Fee, Watering Cans, e-news
- All G'way Gardeners: labors of love









2007 Gardening Season

Late Fall: Harvest + Prep to Over-winter

18 November

- Crop of "Baby" Greens!
- Additional Compost
- Post Thanksgiving Destruction of Garden Infrastructure by D'Cut Contractors



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2007 Gardening Season

Lessons Learned:

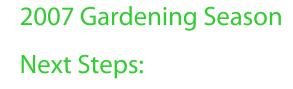
- We have a broad skill and interest base and are able to work together to accomplish a lot in a short period of time.
- We created desperately needed common ground in our neighborhood on the D'Cut - once a scar, in the future (hopefully!) a seam between Lafayette and Elmwood Parks.
- Interest is high, and there is a desire for gardening in our neighborhood, evidenced by a diverse, committed (and growing) group of gardeners every time we meet.
- Passionate, committed Gardeners | Neighbors is the important community "infrastructure" that endures!
- More Compost (Planting Depth)
- Close vicinity or on-site storage shed
- More gardeners (Watering!)
- Expand Community awareness + participation











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