

VACANT LAND REUSE BOOK

WHAT IS IT?

The Vacant Land Reuse Book is a component of the Stabilizing MorningSide Plan. The book includes suggestions for using vacant land with cost estimates, materials, plantings and images. They are arranged by short, mid, and long term, which are assigned by amount of time, work and vacancy.

Notes:

Cost varies when in kind services are used. Site clean up is estimated for all lots but will vary depending on location of lot. Green Ventures lots will require over three lots and prices will vary.

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QUESTIONS?

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WHO OWNS THAT VACANT LOT?

If you know the address of the vacant lot, you can contact the City of Detroit's of Online Property Tax Foreclosure System.

Website: is.bsasoftware.com/bsa.is/default.aspx

Wayne County Treasure's Property Search Website: WayneCounty.com/treasurer_payonline.htm

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LONG-TERM

2. IF IT IS PRIVATELY-OWNED,	LUNG-TERM	
Contact the land owner disclosed by the Register of Deeds Website: www.waynecountylandrecords.com	CARBON FOREST	19
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Check Why Don't We Own This Website: makeloveland.com/us/mi/wayne/detroit

Website: public.wcpc.us/eservices/home.page.2

Phone: (313) 974-6869 Fax: (313) 285-9019



CLEAN + CLEAR

VISION

Lots requiring stabilizing or cleaning up from contamination.

PLANTINGS











PHYTOREMEDIATION**

Sunflower

Honey Locust

Switch Grass QTY: 10

\$900.00

\$237.00 \$240.00

\$25.00

\$50.00

\$15.00

\$1,746.00

\$174.60

\$174.60

\$2,095.20

\$279.00

QTY: 10

QTY: 3

COSTS + MATERIALS

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Site Cleanup Trash/Debris

Subtotal Cost (\$0.27 per sf)

Honey Locust (3)

Switch Grass (10)

Sun/Shade Seed

Split Rail Fencing

Design Cost 10%

Contingency 10%

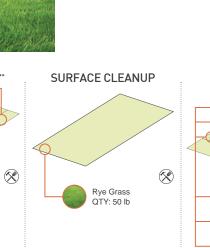
(\$0.32 per sf)*

Total Project Cost

Soil Testing

Sunflower (10)





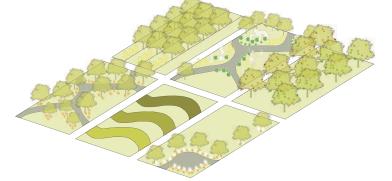
COSTS + MATERIALS



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Site Cleanup Trash/Debris \$900.00		Site Cleanup Trash/Debris	\$900.00	
		Feather Reed (10) Zebra Grass (5) Blue Fescue (20)	\$149.00 \$90.00 \$379.80	
Sun/Shade Seed Split Rail Fencing	\$50.00 \$279.00	Sun/Shade Seed Split Rail Fencing	\$50.00 \$279.00	
Soil Testing	\$15.00	Soil Testing	\$15.00	
Total Project Cost (\$0.19 per sf)*	\$1,244.00	Total Project Cost (\$0.28 per sf)*	\$1,863.70	

*Based on (65'X100') 6,500 sf lot X Low Maintenance

**Using plants to reduce contamination in soil



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SIDE LOT

VISION

Lots adjacent to homeowners that are up to date on property taxes.

PLANTINGS



CREATIVE MOW



RYE GRASS



NATIVE GARDEN





ART SPACE

VISION

Lots that will be made available to local artists to showcase low maintenance art installations.

PLANTINGS









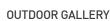














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GATEWAY

COSTS + MATERIALS

Site Cleanup Trash/Debris

Musclewood (5)

Meadowsweet (10)

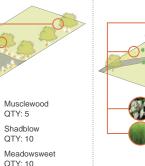
Split Rail Fencing (50')

Gravel (\$3.15 ea for 2 cu ft)

Sun/Shade Seed

Soil Testing

Shadblow (10)



\$900.00

\$800.00

\$800.00

\$120.00

\$50.00

\$279.00

\$15.00

\$5,535.15

\$2.586.15



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COSTS + MATERIALS

Site Cleanup Trash/Debris	\$900.00
Honey Locust (3) Switch Grass (10) Art	\$237.00 \$240.00 In-kind
Sun/Shade Seed	\$50.00
Split Rail Fencing Topsoil (2 ea for 0.75 cu ft) Gravel (\$3.15 ea for 2 cu ft)	\$279.00 \$4,300.00 \$2,586.15
Soil Testing	\$15.00
Total Project Cost (\$1.32 per sf)*	\$4,306.25

(\$0.19 per sf)*	
*Based on (65'X100') 6,5	500 sf lot
🛠 Low Maintenance	

8 Short-Term

Soil Testing

Total Project Cost

Sun/Shade Seed

Split Rail Fencing (50')

R Dog Wood Rye Grass QTY: 50 lb QTY: 3 Feather Reed Grass QTY: 10 Virginia Bluebells QTY: 20 **COSTS + MATERIALS COSTS + MATERIALS** \$900.00 Site Cleanup Trash/Debris Site Cleanup Trash/Debris \$900.00 Dogwood (3) Feather Reed (10) Virginia Bluebells (20) \$50.00 Sun/Shade Seed \$279.00 Split Rail Fencing (50') \$15.00 Soil Testing \$1,244.00 **Total Project Cost**





X

Rye Grass QTY: 50 lb

COSTS + MATERIALS Site Cleanup Trash/Debris \$900.00 Art In-kind Sun/Shade Seed \$50.00 Split Rail Fencing (50') \$279.00 Gravel (\$3.15 ea for 2 cu ft)** \$2,586.15 \$15.00 Soil Testing



*Based on (65'X100') 6,500 sf lot

** Wood chips can be substituted for gravel 🛛 🛞 Low Maintenance



PATHS

VISION

Lots that will be used for connecting larger forms of infrastructure such as streets and transit.

PLANTINGS







NEIGHBORHOOD PATH

Meadowsweet

QTY: 10

Shadblow

Musclewood

\$900.00

\$800.00

\$800.00

\$120.00

\$50.00 \$279.00

\$2,733.60

\$15.00

\$5,697.60

QTY: 10

QTY: 5

COSTS + MATERIALS



TREE STAND

Honey Locust

QTY: 3

COSTS + MATERIALS

Site Cleanup Trash/Debris

Honey Locust (3)

Sun/Shade Seed

Soil Testing

(\$0.22 per sf)*

Total Project Cost

Split Rail Fencing (50')

X

\$900.00

\$237.00

\$279.00

\$15.00

\$1,481.00

\$50.00

VISION

Lots that grow a managed selection of plants but has the appearance of looking natural.

PLANTINGS





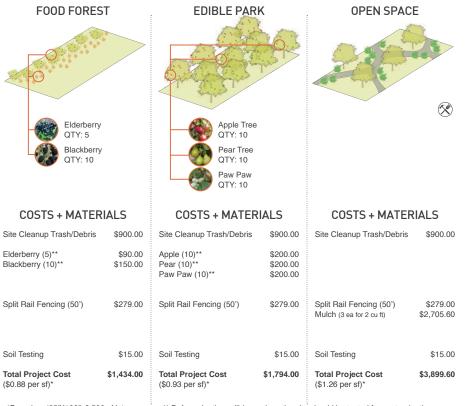
NATURAL LAND





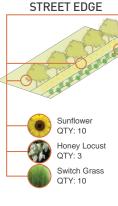
RYE GRASS





*Based on (65'X100') 6,500 sf lot X Low Maintenance

** Before planting edible produce the site should be tested for contamination please refer to Clean + Clear if contaminated



COSTS + MATERIALS

Site Cleanup Trash/Debris	\$900.00	Site Cleanup Trash/Debris
Honey Locust (3) Switch Grass (10) Sunflower (10) Sun/Shade Seed	\$237.00 \$240.00 \$25.00 \$50.00	Musclewood (5) Shadblow (10) Meadowsweet (10) Sun/Shade Seed
Split Rail Fencing (50')	\$279.00	Split Rail Fencing (50') Mulch (3 ea for 2 cu ft)
Soil Testing	\$15.00	Soil Testing
Total Project Cost (\$0.27 per sf)*	\$1,746.00	Total Project Cost (\$.88 per sf)*

*Based on (65'X100') 6,500 sf lot

X Low Maintenance

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COMMUNITY GARDEN

VISION Lots that have raised beds for produce or flowers.

PLANTINGS

















GROW + PLAY

Tomato

QTY: 10

Pepper

QTY: 10

Lettuce

QTY: 3

COSTS + MATERIALS

\$900.00

\$56.50

\$56.50

\$20.85

\$4,300.00

\$400.00

\$15.00

\$5,748.00

Site Cleanup Trash/Debris

Topsoil (2 ea for 0.75 cu ft)

Raised Beds (4'x8'x10') (4)

Tomato (10)

Pepper (10)

Soil Testing

(\$0.88 per sf)*

Total Project Cost

Lettuce (3 Packs)

VEGGIE GARDEN

Eggplant

QTY: 10

Beans

QTY: 3

QTY: 3

COSTS + MATERIALS

Site Cleanup Trash/Debris

Topsoil (2 ea for 0.75 cu ft)

Raised Beds (4'x8'x10') (4)

Eggplant (10)

Beans (3 Packs)

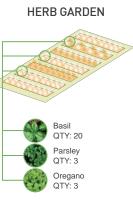
Peas (3 Packs)

Soil Testing

Total Project Cost

(\$0.81 per sf)*

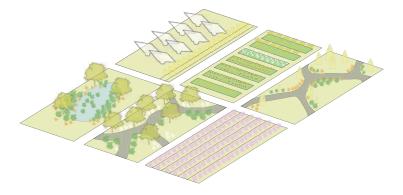
Peas



COSTS + MATERIALS

\$900.00	Site Cleanup Trash/Debris	\$900.00
\$56.00 \$14.84 \$20.85	Basil (20) Parsley (3 Packs) Oregano (3 Packs)	\$49.83 \$17.85 \$11.90
\$4,300.00 \$400.00	Topsoil (2 ea for 0.75 cu ft) Raised Beds (4'x8'x10') (4)	\$4,300.00 \$400.00
\$15.00	Soil Testing	\$15.00
\$5,292.20	Total Project Cost (\$0.88 per sf)*	\$5,694.58

*Based on (65'X100') 6,500 sf lot



MID-TERM



GREEN PARKING

VISION Lots that use permeable surfaces for parking.

PLANTINGS







VISION Lots that have a trail.

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TRAILS

PLANTINGS



BLUEBEL



BLAZING STAR





NATURE TRAIL

Redbud

QTY: 3

QTY: 10

QTY: 10

Maiden Grass

Purple Coneflower

\$900.00

\$165.00



Switch Grass QTY: 10 Honey Locust QTY: 3 **COSTS + MATERIALS** Site Cleanup Trash/Debris \$900.00

\$237.00

\$240.00

\$50.00

\$15.00 \$7,942.00

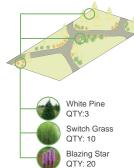
\$794.20

\$794.20

\$9,530.40

\$6,500.00

BIKING TRAIL



COSTS + MATERIALS

Site Cleanup Trash/Debris

Gravel (\$3.15 ea for 2 cu ft)

White Pine (3)

Soil Testing

Total Project Cost

(\$0.62 per sf)*

Switch Grass (10)

Blazing Star (20)

\$900.00	Site Cleanup Trash/Debris	
\$180.00 \$240.00 \$119.80	Dogwood Feather Reed Grass(10) Virginia Bluebells (20)	
\$2,586.15	Wood Chips	9
\$15.00	Soil Testing	

Total Project Cost

(\$0.62 per sf)*

Dogwood QTY: 3 Feather Reed QTY: 10 Virginia Bluebells QTY: 20

HIKING TRAIL

COSTS + MATERIALS



\$199.97 \$249.90 \$2.392.00 Wood Chips

\$15.00	Soil Testing	\$15.00
\$4,026.70	Total Project Cost (\$0.60 per sf)*	\$3,921.87

*Based on (65'X100') 6,500 sf lot

\$4,040.95



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

VISION Lots that apply stormwater runoff.

PLANTINGS









GREEN VENTURES

VISION

Lots that are packaged and made available to entrepreneurs for economic development.

PLANTINGS



*Based on (65'X100') 6,500 sf lot



BIOSWALES	RAIN GARDEN	INFILTRATION POND	BIO-FUEL FIELD	SOLAR ARRAY	LAVENDER FIELD
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Dogwood QTY: 3	Maiden Grass QTY: 10	White Pine QTY: 3	Switch Grass QTY: 20	Sunflower QTY: 20	Lavender QTY: 20
Switch Grass QTY: 10	Switch Grass QTY: 10	Switch Grass QTY: 10	•		Ŭ
Blazing Star QTY: 20	Blazing Star QTY: 20	Honey Locust QTY: 3			
COSTS + MATERIALS	COSTS + MATERIALS	COSTS + MATERIALS	COSTS + MATERIALS	COSTS + MATERIALS	COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris \$900.00	Site Cleanup Trash/Debris \$900.00	Site Cleanup Trash/Debris \$900.00	Site Cleanup Trash/Debris \$900.00	Site Cleanup Trash/Debris \$900.00	Site Cleanup Trash/Debris \$900.00
Dogwood (3) \$285.00 Switch Grass (10) \$240.00 Blazing Star (20) \$119.80	Maiden Grass (10) \$199.97 Switch Grass (10) \$240.00 Blazing Star (20) \$119.80	White Pine (3) \$180.00 Switch Grass (10) \$240.00 Honey Locust (3) \$237.00	Switch Grass (20) \$480.00	Sunflower (20) \$50.00 Solar Array (8) \$10,400.00	Lavender (20) \$480.00
Soil Excavation \$1,000	Soil Excavation \$1,000	Soil Excavation \$1,000			
Soil Testing \$15.00 Subtotal Cost (\$0.39per st) \$2,559.80 Design Cost 10% \$255.98 Contingency 10% \$255.98	Soil Testing \$15.00	Soil Testing \$15.00 Subtotal Cost (\$0.40 per st) \$2,572.00 Design Cost 10% \$257.20 Contingency 10% \$257.20	Soil Testing \$15.00	Soil Testing \$15.00	Soil Testing \$15.00
Total Project Cost \$3,071.76 (\$0.47 per sf)*	Total Project Cost \$2,474.77 (\$0.23 per sf)*	Total Project Cost \$3,086.40 (\$0.47 per sf)*	Total Project Cost \$1,395.00 (\$0.21 per sf)*	Total Project Cost \$11,365.00 (\$1.75 per sf)*	Total Project Cost \$1,395.00 (\$0.21 per sf)*

*Based on (65'X100') 6,500 sf lot



CARBON FOREST

VISION

Lots adjacent to highways and large trafficked areas. Would absorb sound and air pollution from automobile traffic.

PLANTINGS













SINGLE TREE+ ROW

Ginkgo

QTY: 10

COSTS + MATERIALS

Site Cleanup Trash/Debris

Autumn Blaze Maple (10)

European Hornbeam (10)

Ginkgo (10)



\$900.00

\$1000.00

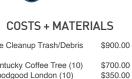
\$550.00

\$550.00

QTY: 10

Site Cleanup Trash/Debris

Kentucky Coffee Tree (10) Bloodgood London (10) Princeton Elm (10) \$500.00



CARBON BUFFER

Kentucky Coffee Tree

Bloodgood London

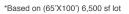
QTY: 10

QTY: 10

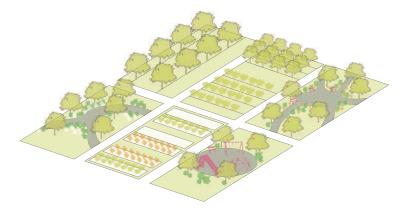


\$900.00 Thornless Hawthorne (10) \$650.00 Sterling Silver Linden (10) \$500.00 Bur Oak (10) \$500.00 Japanese Zelkova (10) \$350.00

\$15.00 Soil Testing \$15.00 Soil Testing \$15.00 Soil Testing **Total Project Cost** \$2,965.00 Total Project Cost \$2,450.00 **Total Project Cost** \$3,065.00 (\$0.38 per sf)* (\$0.46 per sf)* (\$0.47 per sf)*









URBAN FARM

VISION Lots that are packaged for growing produce.

PLANTINGS



BASIL

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ORCHARD + VINEYARD

Apple

Pear

QTY: 10

QTY: 10

Wine Grape



PINE TREE



MARKET GARDEN



GRFFNWAY

VISION

Lots that are packaged for recreational space for joggers, walkers.

PLANTINGS

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\$900.00

\$285.00

\$149.90

\$299.80

\$4.300.00

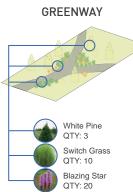
\$2.392.00

\$15.00

\$8,326.70







Site Cleanup Trash/Debris

White Pine (3)

Soil Testing

Design Cost 10%

Contingency 10%

(\$1.50 per sf)*

Total Project Cost

Switch Grass (10)

Topsoil (2 ea for .75 cu ft)

Gravel (\$3.15 ea for 2 cu ft)

Blazing Star (20)

Dogwood QTY: 3 Feather Reed QTY: 10 Virginia Bluebell QTY: 20

PARK

COSTS + MATERIALS COSTS + MATERIALS

\$900.00

\$180.00

\$240.00

\$119.80

\$814.68

\$9.776.16

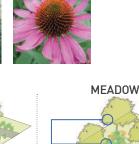
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris Flowering Dogwood (3)

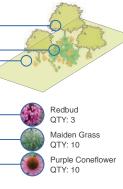
Feather Reed (10) Virginia Bluebell (20)

\$4.300.00 Topsoil (2 ea for .75 cu ft) \$2.586.15 Wood Chips \$15.00 Soil Testing Subtotal Cost(\$1.25 per sq ft) \$8,340.80 \$814.68

Total Project Cost

(\$1.28 per sf)*





COSTS + MATERIALS

Total Project Cost	\$5.829.87
Soil Testing	\$15.00
Topsoil (2 ea for .75 cu ft)	\$4,300.00
Redbud (3) Maiden Grass (10) Purple Coneflower (10)	\$165.00 \$199.97 \$249.90
Site Cleanup Trash/Deb	oris \$900.00

Total Project Cost \$5.829.87 (\$0.90 per sf)*

*Based on (65'X100') 6,500 sf lot



Tomato QTY: 10 Lettuce QTY: 3 Basil QTY: 20 **COSTS + MATERIALS** Site Cleanup Trash/Debris

Tomato (10)**

Topsoil (2 ea for .75 cu ft)

Raised Beds (4'x8'x10') (10)

\$8,734.18

Lettuce (3)**

Wood Chips

Soil Testing

(\$1.34 per sf)*

Total Project Cost

Basil (20)**

TREE NURSERY Pine QTY: 40

COSTS + MATERIALS Site Cleanup Trash/Debris \$900.00 \$900.00 \$400.00 \$56.60 Pine (40) \$20.85 \$49.83 \$4.300.00 Topsoil (2 ea for .75 cu ft) \$4.300.00 \$2.392.00 Wood Chips \$2.392.00 \$1000.00 \$15.00 \$15.00 Soil Testing

\$7,807.00

Total Project Cost

(\$1.20 per sf)*

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\$15.00

\$8,157.00

20 Long-Term

(\$1.25 per sf)*

Soil Testing

Total Project Cost



PLAZA

VISION

Lots that are paved with benches used for pop-up seasonal markets, educational and common space.

PLANTINGS



CONEFLOWER



RYE GRASS





NFIGHBORHOOD PARK

VISION Lots that focus around recreational activity.

PLANTINGS





RYE GRASS



*Based on (65'X100') 6,500 sf lot

QTY: 3

QTY: 10

QTY: 20

Soil Testing

Total Project Cost

(\$0.62 per sf)*

White Pine (3)

Switch Grass (10)

Gravel (\$3.15 ea for 2 cu ft)

Blazing Star (20)

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