

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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## 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

HOW TO PURCHASE A VACANT LOT?

1. IF IT IS CITY-OWNED,

Contact the Detroit Land Bank Authority
Website: www.detroitlandbank.org
Phone: (313) 974-6869
Fax: (313) 285-9019
2. IF IT IS PRIVATELY-OWNED,

Contact the land owner disclosed by the Register of Deeds Website: www.waynecountylandrecords.com

Check the White Pages
Website: www.whitepages.com

Check Wayne County Probate Court
Website: public.wcpc.us/eservices/home.page. 2

Check Why Don’t We Own This
Website: makeloveland.com/us/mi/wayne/detroit

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## CLEAN + CLEAR

VISION
Lots requiring stabilizing or cleaning up from contamination.

## PLANTINGS



COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris


Switch Grass (10 Sunflower (10)

Sun/Shade Seed Split Rail Fencing

Soil Testing
Subtotal Cost (\$0.27 per sf) Design Cost 10\% Design Cost 10\% Total Project Cost (\$0.32 per sf)*
*Based on ( $65^{\prime} \times 100^{\prime}$ ) 6,500 sf lot * Low Maintenance

SURFACE CLEANUP

900.00
$\$ 237.00$
$\$ 240.00$ \$25.00
$\$ 50.00$
$\$ 15.00$
$\$ 1,746.00$
$\$ 174.60$
$\$ 174.60$
$\$ 2,095.20$

Site Cleanup Trash/
Sun/Shade Seed
Split Rail Fencing
Soil Testing
Total Project Cost
$(\$ 0.19$ per sf)
(\$0.19 per sf)*
**Using plants to reduce contamination in soil

## SIDE LOT

## VISION

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

## PLANTINGS



CREATIVE MOW


COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$

|  |  | Dogwood (3) <br> Feather Reed (10) <br> Virginia Bluebells (20) |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Sun/Shade Seed | $\$ 50.00$ | Sun/Shade Seed |

[^0]NATIVE GARDEN

COSTS + MATERIALS


COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$

| $\$ \mathbf{2 8 5 . 0 0}$ | Redbud (3) | $\$ 165.00$ |
| :---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\$ 149.90$ | Maiden Grass (10) | $\$ 199.97$ |
| $\$ 299.80$ | Purple Coneflower (10) | $\$ 249.90$ |
| $\$ 50.00$ | Sun/Shade Seed | $\$ 50.00$ |
| $\$ 279.00$ | Split Rail Fencing | $\$ 279.00$ |
|  |  |  |
| $\$ \mathbf{\$ 1 5 . 0 0}$ | Soil Testing | $\$ 15.00$ |
| $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 9 7 8 . 7 0}$ | Total Project Cost | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 8 5 8 . 8 7}$ |
|  | $(\$ 0.29$ per sf)* |  |



## ART SPACE

## VISION

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

## PLANTINGS



OUTDOOR GALLERY
GATEWAY


COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$

| Art | In-kind |
| :--- | ---: |
| Sun/Shade Seed | $\$ 50.00$ |
| Split Rail Fencing $\left(50^{\prime}\right)$ <br> Gravel ( $\$ 3.15$ ea for 2 cu ft$)^{* *}$ | $\$ 2,589.00$ |
| Soil Testing | $\$ 15.00$ |
| Total Project <br> $(\$ 0.59$ |  |

(\$0.59 per sf)*


## PATHS

## VISION

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

## PLANTINGS



## MEADOW SWEET




COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris

| Site Cleanup Trash/Debris | \$900.00 | Site Cleanup Trash/Debris | \$900.00 | Site Cleanup Trash/Debris | \$900.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Honey Locust (3) | \$237.00 | Musclewood (5) | \$800.00 | Honey Locust (3) | \$237.00 |
| Switch Grass (10) | \$240.00 | Shadblow (10) | \$800.00 | Sun/Shade Seed | \$50.00 |
| Sunflower (10) | \$25.00 | Meadowsweet (10) | \$120.00 |  |  |
| Sun/Shade Seed | \$50.00 | Sun/Shade Seed | \$50.00 |  |  |
| Split Rail Fencing ( $50^{\prime}$ ) | \$279.00 | Split Rail Fencing (50') <br> Mulch (3 ea for 2 cu ft) | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 279.00 \\ \$ 2,733.60 \end{array}$ | Split Rail Fencing (50') | \$279.00 |
| Soil Testing | \$15.00 | Soil Testing | \$15.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Soil Testing | \$15.00 |
| Total Project Cost (\$0.27 per sf)* | \$1,746.00 | Total Project Cost (\$. 88 per sf)* | \$5,697.60 | Total Project Cost (\$0.22 per sf)* | \$1,481.00 |



COSTS + MATERIALS ( $\$ .88 \mathrm{per} \mathrm{sf})^{*}$

TREE STAND
 (\$0.22 per sf)*

[^1]

## NATURAL LAND

## VISION

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

## PLANTINGS



FOOD FOREST


COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$
Elderberry $(5)^{\star \star} \quad \$ 90.00$

Blackberry (10)**
Split Rail Fencing ( $50^{\prime}$ )
Soil Testing

| Total Project Cost |
| :--- |
| $(\$ 0.88 \text { per sf) })^{*}$ |

*Based on ( $65^{\prime} \times 100^{\prime}$ ) 6,500 sf lot

* Low Maintenance


COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$,

| Apple (10)** | \$200.00 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pear (10)** | \$200.00 |  |  |
| Paw Paw (10)** | \$200.00 |  |  |
| Split Rail Fencing (50') | \$279.00 | Split Rail Fencing (50') Mulch (3 ea for 2 cu ft ) | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 279.0 \\ \$ 2,705.6 \end{array}$ |
| Soil Testing | \$15.00 | Soil Testing | \$1 |
| Total Project Cost (\$0.93 per sf)* | \$1,794.00 | Total Project Cost (\$1.26 per sf)* | \$3,899.60 |

COSTS + MATERIALS
e Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$
OPEN SPACE


## $\$ 279.00$

$\$ 15.00$
should be tested for contamination
$\qquad$



## GREEN PARKING

## VISION

Lots that use permeable surfaces for parking.

## PLANTINGS



PERMEABLE PAVING


COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$

|  |  |
| :--- | ---: |
|  |  |
| Sun/Shade Seed | $\$ 50.00$ |
| Paving Material (1 per sf) | $\$ 6,500.00$ |
|  |  |
| Soil Testing | $\$ 15.00$ |
| Subtotal Cost ( $\$ 1.15$ per sf) | $\$ 7,465.00$ |
| Design Cost $10 \%$ | $\$ 746.50$ |
| Contingency $10 \%$ | $\$ 7460$ |
| Total Project Cost | $\$ 8,958.00$ |
| ( $\$ 1.38$ per sf)* |  |

*Based on ( $65^{\prime} \times 100^{\prime}$ ) 6,500 sf lot


TRAILS

VISION
Lots that have a trail.

## PLANTINGS



BIKING TRAIL


COSTS + MATERIALS

| Site Cleanup Trash/Debris | $\$ 900.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| White Pine (3) | $\$ 180.00$ |
| Switch Grass (10) | $\$ 240.00$ |
| Blazing Star (20) | $\$ 119.80$ |
|  |  |
| Gravel ( $\$ 3.15$ ea for 2 cu ft) | $\$ 2,586.15$ |
|  |  |
| Soil Testing | $\$ 15.00$ |
| Total Project Cost | $\$ 4,040.95$ |

Total Project Cost

HIKING TRAIL


COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris


Feather Reed Grass(10) Virginia Bluebells (20)

Wood Chips

Soil Testing
Total Project Cost (\$0.62 per sf)*
$\$ 15.00$
\$4,026.70
(\$0.60 per

NATURE TRAIL


COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$
eabud (3)
Maiden Grass (10)
Purple Coneflower (10)

Wood Chips
\$2,392.00
$\$ 15.00$
\$3,921.87

REINFORCED TURF


COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$

|  |
| :--- |
|  |
|  |
|  |
| Sun/Shade Seed |
| Paving Material (1 per sf) |
| Soil Testing |
| Subtotal Cost (\$1.15 per sf) |
| Design Cost 10\% |
| Contingency 10\% |
| Total Project Cost |
| $(\$ 1.38$ per sf)* | (\$1.38 per sf) ${ }^{*}$

COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$

| Honey Locust (3) | $\$ 237.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Switch Grass (10) | $\$ 240.00$ |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Sun/Shade Seed | $\$ 50.00$ |
| Paving Material (1 per sf) | $\$ 6,500.00$ |
| Soil Testing | $\$ 15.00$ |
| Subtotal Cost (\$1.15 per sf) | $\$ 7,942.00$ |
| Design Cost 10\% | $\$ 794.20$ |
| Contingency $10 \%$ | $\$ 794.20$ |
| Total Project cost | $\$ 9,530.40$ |
| $(\$ 1.47$ per sf)* |  | (\$1.47 per sf)*


*Based on ( $65^{\prime} \times 100^{\prime}$ ) 6,500 sf lot


## 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




COSTS + MATERIALS

| Site Cleanup Trash/Debris | $\$ 900.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Dogwood (3) | $\$ 285.00$ |
| Switch Grass (10) | $\$ 240.00$ |
| Blazing Star (20) | $\$ 119.80$ |
|  |  |
| Soil Excavation | $\$ 1,000$ |
|  |  |
| Soil Testing | $\$ 15.00$ |
| Subtotal Cost (\$0.39per sf) | $\$ 2,559.80$ |
| Design Cost 10\% | $\$ 255.98$ |
| Contingency 10\% | $\$ 255.98$ |
| Total Project Cost | $\$ 3,071.76$ |
| $(\$ 0.47$ per sf) |  |

*Based on ( $65^{\prime} \times 100^{\prime}$ ) 6,500 sf lot

RAIN GARDEN


COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris
Maiden Grass (10)
Switch Grass (10)
Blazing Star (20)
Soil Excavation
Soil Testing

Total Project Cost

\$1,000

INFILTRATION POND


COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris \$900.00

White Pine (3) Switch Grass (10) Honey Locust (3)

Soil Excavation

Soil Testing
Subtotal Cost (\$0.40 per sf) Subtotal Cost (\$0.4 Design Cost 10\% Contingency 10\% (\$0.47 per sf)*
$\$ 180.00$ $\$ 237.00$
$\$ 1,000$
$\$ 15.00$ $\$ 2,572.00$
$\$ 257$ $\$ 257.20$ $\$ 257.20$
$\mathbf{\$ 3 , 0 8 6 . 4 0}$

BIO-FUEL FIELD


COSTS + MATERIALS

Switch Grass (20) $\$ 480.00$

| Soil Testing | $\$ 15.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Total Project Cost | $\$ 1,395.00$ |

COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$


Solar Array (8) (\$1.75 per sf)*
\$10,400.00
$\$ 15.00$
\$11,365.00

SOLAR ARRAY


COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$
Lavender (20)
LAVENDER FIELD


Total Project Cost (\$0.21 per sf)*
( $\$ 0.21$ per sf)*
*Based on ( $65^{\prime} \mathrm{X} 100^{\prime}$ ) 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


STERLING SILVER



COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris


Autumn Blaze Maple (10) European Hornbeam (10)
$\$ 900.00$
$\$ 1000.00$ $\$ 550.00$ $\$ 550.00$
$\$ 15.00$
\$2,965.00

Site Cleanup Trash/Debris
Kentucky Coffee Tree (10) Bloodgood London (10) Princeton Elm (10)

CARBON BUFFER


COSTS + MATERIALS
$\$ 900.00$
$\$ 700.00$ $\$ 350.00$ $\$ 500.00$

Site Cleanup Trash/Debris
(\$0.38 per sf)*
\$2,450.00 (\$0.47 per sf)

OPEN GROVE


COSTS + MATERIALS


## URBAN FARM

## VISION

Lots that are packaged for growing produce.

PLANTINGS


COSTS + MATERIALS

| Site Cleanup Trash/Debris | \$900.00 | Site Cleanup Trash/Debris | \$900.00 | Site Cleanup Trash/Debris | \$900.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Apple (10)** | \$200.00 | Tomato (10)** | \$56.60 | Pine (40) | \$400.00 |
| Pear (10)** | \$200.00 | Lettuce (3)** | \$20.85 |  |  |
| Wine Grape (10)** | \$150.00 | Basil (20)** | \$49.83 |  |  |
| Topsoil (2 ea for $0.75 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft)}$ | \$4,300.00 | Topsoil (2 ea for . 75 cuft ) | \$4,300.00 | Topsoil (2 ea for . 75 cu ft ) | \$4,300.00 |
| Wood Chips | \$2,392.00 | Wood Chips | \$2,392.00 | Wood Chips | \$2,392.00 |
|  |  | Raised Beds ( $\left.4^{\prime} \times 8^{\prime} \times 10^{\prime}\right)(10)$ | \$1000.00 |  |  |
| Soil Testing | \$15.00 | Soil Testing | \$15.00 | Soil Testing | \$15.00 |
| Total Project Cost (\$1.25 per sf)* | \$8,157.00 | Total Project Cost (\$1.34 per sf)* | \$8,734.18 | Total Project Cost (\$1.20 per sf)* | \$7,807.00 |

*Based on ( $65^{\prime} \times 100^{\prime}$ ) 6,500 sf lot
** Before planting edible produce the site should be tested for contamination please refer to Clean + Clear if contaminated


## GREENWAY

## VISION

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

## PLANTINGS




COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$

| White Pine (3) | $\$ 180.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Switch Grass (10) | $\$ 240.00$ |
| Blazing Star (20) | $\$ 119.80$ |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Topsoil (2 ea for . 75 cu ft) | $\$ 4,300.00$ |
| Gravel ( $\$ 3.15$ ea for 2 cu ft) | $\$ 2,586.15$ |
| Soil Testing | $\$ 15.00$ |
| Subtotal Cost(\$1.25 per sq ftt) | $\$ 8,340.80$ |
| Design Cost 10\% | $\$ 814.68$ |
| Contingency 10\% | $\$ 814.68$ |
| Total Project Cost | $\$ 9,776.16$ |



COSTS + MATERIALS Feather Reed (10 Virginia Bluebell (20)


Topsoil (2 ea for
Soil Testing (\$1.28 per sf) *
$\$ 900.00$
$\$ 285.00$ $\$ 149.90$ $\$ 299.80$

## \$4,300.00

 $\$ 4,300.00$$\$ 2,392.00$
$\$ 15.00$

8,326.70


COSTS + MATERIALS

Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$ Purple Coneflower (10) $\$ 249.90$

Topsoil (2 ea for . 75 cu ft ) $\quad \$ 4,300.00$

Soil Testing
$\$ 15.00$
\$5,829.87
*Based on ( $65^{\prime} \mathrm{X} 100^{\prime}$ ) 6,500 sf lot


## PLAZA

## VISION

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

## PLANTINGS



SEASONAL MARKET


COSTS + MATERIALS

| White Pine (3) | $\$ 180.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Switch Grass (10) | $\$ 240.00$ |
| Blazing Star (20) | $\$ 119.80$ |
| Gravel (\$3.15 ea for 2 cu ft) | $\$ 2,586.15$ |
|  |  |
| Soil Testing | $\$ 15.00$ |
| Total Project Cost <br> $(\$ 0.62$ per sf) | $\$ 4,040.95$ |

[^2]

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

## VISION

Lots that focus around recreational activity.

## PLANTINGS




COSTS + MATERIALS
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$
Site Cleanup Trash/Debris $\$ 900.00$

| Redbud (3) | $\$ 165.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Maiden Grass (10) | $\$ 199.97$ |
| Purple Coneflower (10) | $\$ 249.90$ |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Gravel ( $\$ 3.15$ ea for 2 cu ft) |  |
| Benches (6) | $\$ 2,586.15$ |
|  | $\$ 1,200.00$ |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Soil Testing | $\$ 15.00$ |
| Total Project Cost | $\$ 5,316.02$ |
| (\$0.82 per sf) |  |

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    * Low Maintenance

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    ( Low Maintenance
    10 Short-Term

[^2]:    *Based on ( $65^{\prime} \times 100^{\prime}$ ) 6,500 sf lot

[^3]:    22 Long-Term

