



RecoveryPark is a planned development in the city of Detroit that will include urban farming, education, commercial and housing development and other projects that will help the community as a whole. It is a projected 10-year, multi-million dollar project that will help the city and its residents recover through economic and other empowerment.

A growing task force, representing more than 25 collaborative partners in the areas of government, education, arts, finance and philanthropy has been created to help with the outreach, design, support and strategic planning for this project.

This broad-based coalition is vested and committed to helping the city recover through an urban farming and land re-purposing development in the city.

This coalition believes urban farming and constructive land re-purposing is essential to the city for four reasons: space, money, the green economy and human capital.

- *Space:* Detroit's population has been on a decline for decades and vacant land is underused and underdeveloped. Approximately 40 square miles in the city are unproductive and vacant.
- *Money:* Using the vacant land for a new development will help get property back on the tax roll.
- *Green Economy:* The green economy is one of the fastest growing job growth areas in Michigan.
- *Human capital:* This initiative will provide for the support and training that both our clients and residents from the target areas will need in order to have long-term, successful employment.

Phase I of the project is being supported by private grants. Supporters include Shore Bank Enterprise Detroit, the Erb Family Foundation, Kresge Foundation, and the Knight Foundation.

This is a grassroots to grass tops collaborative effort. The task force has been meeting with residents in more than two dozen community groups across the city, with a particular focus in Brightmoor, the near east side and the far east side of Detroit.

The **RecoveryPark** is being driven by **Self Help Addiction Rehabilitation (SHAR)**, a Detroit-based Therapeutic Community (TC) established in 1969. SHAR's mission is to transform individuals with addiction and co-occurring disorders into recovering people, capable of living a full and productive life. Through the treatment and other recovery support services delivered from 3 locations, SHAR serves approximately 2,500 individuals annually.