

**Detroit Strategic Framework Plan  
Mayor's Advisory Task Force Meeting  
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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**1) What is the Detroit Strategic Framework Plan?** It is a process to create a collective vision for Detroit's future at the neighborhood, city and metropolitan scale. Over the next 12-18 months, Detroiters of all walks of life will be asked to contribute their ideas and energy to help develop a plan.

**2) Why do we need the Detroit Strategic Framework Plan?** Detroit can't continue to follow the same path and expect different results. This process will serve as a roadmap for government, community and faith-based groups, businesses, and philanthropic and non-profit organizations. Together we can partner and build toward a common goal of stronger neighborhoods, safer streets, access to job opportunities, and improved services and quality of life in Detroit.

**3) Isn't there already a plan?** There is no comprehensive plan to address the challenges and opportunities we have in Detroit right now. This process is about building that plan with the input, ideas and engagement of everyone who has a stake in Detroit's future.

**4) Who is leading this effort?** Mayor Bing has put together a team comprised of City of Detroit leadership and staff, along with local and national technical and civic engagement experts to assist in this process.

The Mayor's 55-member Advisory Task Force, representing residents, community members, faith-based and non-profit organizations, the business and foundation communities, and civic leaders, will work with the planning team throughout the 12-18 month process.

The Mayor's Interagency Task Force, made up of key city departments and local government agencies, will work to ensure that all elements of the plan are achievable and able to be implemented as part of our shared vision.

The Mayor has also engaged City Council to provide nine members of the Advisory Task Force and staff participation in the Interagency Task Force through the City Planning Commission.

**5) Can the City of Detroit afford a planning process right now?** Development of a comprehensive long-term plan to better utilize Detroit's land in a manner that ensures more efficient and effective service delivery is essential to our long-term fiscal stability.

A challenge this important does require immediate resources beyond what the city can afford in a time of fiscal crisis. A grant administered through the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DEGC) provided by the Kresge Foundation is supporting the work of local and national consultants who are assisting in this effort.

**6) Why will this take 12-18 months?** The Mayor is committed to an inclusive, transparent and comprehensive process. We are facing challenges that can't be solved overnight and we want to provide residents and stakeholders, not just the usual suspects, the opportunity to participate.

**7) What happens to the challenges we face right now?** This process will not stop efforts already in motion. The successful efforts to eliminate blight and strengthen neighborhoods, attract jobs and improve public safety will all continue throughout this process.

- Mayor Bing has committed to take down 3,000 dangerous and vacant residential structures this year. Already more than half of those structures are being demolished.
- The City has attracted more than 4,000 jobs to downtown so far in 2010.
- Detroit has also seen encouraging declines in crime.

All of these efforts will continue. The Detroit Strategic Framework Plan will be designed to help build on these victories and create new opportunities for success.

**8) What will this plan mean for me?** This process is an opportunity to have your voice heard and to help shape the future of Detroit. A plan alone cannot change our daily lives, but everyone's active involvement in taking responsibility for our city is necessary to address issues like public safety, job creation and strong neighborhoods that are most important to our city.

**9) Will people have to relocate?** Forced relocation will not happen at any point during this process.

**10) Will neighborhoods be eliminated?** We are just beginning the planning process, and there are no pre-determined outcomes around what will happen in neighborhoods. Detroiters deserve to live in neighborhoods that are safe and strong, where services can be delivered in the most efficient and effective way possible.

**11) What happens at the end of this planning process?** The Detroit Strategic Framework Plan will create a roadmap to adopt and enact our shared vision for the City of Detroit in the short and long-term. We all have a stake in Detroit's future and implementation will require many partners including residents, local, state and federal government, community members, non-profits, faith-based organizations, businesses and philanthropic organizations.

Everyone will have a role because Detroit is one of the most important cities, not just in Southeast Michigan, but across the country, because of its history and potential as an economic and cultural center.

**12) How can I get involved?** There will be numerous opportunities to participate over the next 12-18 months. Five citywide forums will be open to the public in mid-September and many smaller neighborhood discussions will be planned throughout the process.

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