



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council - District 4

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 29, 2024

TO: David Whitaker, Legislative Policy Division

FROM: Latisha Johnson
District 4 Councilmember 

SUBJECT: Community Land Trust Policy & Agreement

Greetings,

Please draft a policy and/or agreement between the City of Detroit and the Detroit Land Bank Authority regarding the development of community land trusts in the City of Detroit. In the policy and agreement, please include the following provisions:

- Community organizations with a 501-c3 status that have created and established a legal community land trust will have the ability to acquire land from the Detroit Land Bank Authority at little or no cost for the purpose of urban farming, commercial development, and affordable housing.
- Any land transferred or sold to a community land trust from the Detroit Land Bank Authority must be approved by Detroit City Council.
- The City of Detroit will provide funding to a community land trust equivalent to the amount it would cost to maintain the vacant land for landscaping, illegal dumping, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact Yolanda Jackson, our Senior Policy Analyst, at yolanda.jackson@detroitmi.gov.