



February 25, 2025

Honorable City Council  
City of Detroit  
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
Detroit, MI 48226

**Re: Termination of the East Jefferson at Belle Isle Site within the East Riverfront District Brownfield Redevelopment Plan**

Dear Honorable Council Members:

The East Jefferson at Belle Isle Site within the East Riverfront District Brownfield Redevelopment Plan (the "Plan") was approved by City Council on November 19, 2019. The legal descriptions for the subject Plan are attached (Exhibit A).

At the regularly scheduled January 22, 2025 DBRA Board of Directors meeting, DBRA staff recommended termination of the Plan on the basis that the project has failed to occur in accordance with Section 14(8)(b) of Act 381. The DBRA subsequently adopted a resolution (Exhibit B) approving the termination of the Plan and authorizing the submission of a copy of its resolution to request that City Council adopt a resolution terminating the Plan.

The DBRA, as authorized by City Council, sent a notification of termination of the Plan (Exhibit C) in accordance with Section 14(8)(b).

Authority's Request

The Authority is respectfully requesting the following action from the City Council:

- a.) March 4, 2025  
Referral of the resolution terminating the Plan to Detroit City Council Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee on March 6, 2025.
- b.) March 6, 2025  
Consideration of the City Council's Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee to terminate the Plan and opportunity for the Developer to be heard during public comment.
- c.) March 11, 2025  
City Council adoption of the Resolution (Exhibit D), terminating the Plan.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kanalos  
Authorized Agent

C: Detroit City Council  
City Clerk  
Lakisha Barclift  
Jai Singletary  
Raymond Scott

Brian Vosburg  
Malik Washington

Exhibit A  
Legal Descriptions of Plan to be Terminated

Uniroyal Site

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Situated in the City of Detroit, comprising a part of the PLAT OF THE MELDRUM FARM (recorded in Liber 41, of plats, Page 87), a part of RUSSEL'S PLAT of the Subdivision of Block No. 4 and 5 Meldrum Farm south of Jefferson Avenue, (recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 12), a part of the PLAT OF PART OF THE BEAUFAIT FARM (recorded in Liber 30 of plats Page 3), a part of the Subdivision of A.T. Mc REYNOLDS PURCHASE OF THE LOUIS CHAPOTON FARM, all recorded at the Wayne County Register of Deeds Office and the PRIVATE PLAT of Lot 3 of the SUB. of P.C. 19, Beaufait Fr. with other lands, all being a part of Private Claims 18, 19, 573 and 678, lying south of Jefferson Avenue, Wayne County, Michigan, further described as:

**BEGINNING** at a point in the south line of East Jefferson Avenue (120 feet wide), being the Northeast Corner of RUSSEL'S PLAT of the subdivision of block No. 4 and 5, MELDRUM FARM south of Jefferson Avenue, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 12, said point located N. 59° 52' 43" E., as measured on the centerline of said Jefferson Avenue, a distance of 650.82 feet and S. 26° 14' 47" E., 60.14 feet from a Monument marking the intersection of the centerline of Jefferson Avenue with the West Line of said recorded PLAT OF THE MELDRUM FARM;

Thence N. 59° 52' 43" E on the south line of Jefferson Avenue, a distance of 1112.75 feet, to a point on a curve;

Thence, continuing on the south line of said Jefferson Avenue, the following four (4) courses:

1) northeasterly, a distance of 90.18 feet on an arc of a curve (C-1) to the right, with a central angle of 15° 25' 27", a radius of 335.00 feet and a chord bearing N. 67° 35' 26" E., a chord distance of 89.91 feet, to a tangent point;

2) N. 75° 18' 10" E., a distance of 166.30 feet, to a point of curve;

3) 27.42 feet, on an arc of a curve (C-2) to the left, with a central angle of 04° 18' 13", a radius of 365.00 feet and a chord bearing N. 73° 09' 03" E., a chord distance of 27.41 feet;

4) N. 70° 59' 57" E., a distance of 102.16 feet, to the westerly line of Recreational Department Property, recorded in J.C.C. Page 2049;

Thence S. 58° 53' 12" E., on said westerly line, a distance of 332.88 feet, to an angle point;

Thence S. 26° 07' 17" E., a distance of 495.35 feet, to a point at the intersection with the United States Harbor Line;

Thence S. 44° 15' 54" W., on said United States Harbor Line, a distance of 1637.48, to an angle point in said Harbor Line;

Thence S. 49° 51' 55" W, continuing on said United States Harbor Line, a distance of 317.44 feet, to the intersection with the east line of a Restrictive Covenant recorded in Liber 25243, Pg's 408-412;

Thence N. 26° 24' 56" W., on said east line, a distance of 505.94 feet, to a point;

Thence N. 59° 43' 54" E., a distance of 43.28 feet, to a point;

Thence N 26° 13' 45" W., a distance of 200.00 feet, to a point in the south line of Wight Street (60 feet wide)

Thence N. 59° 43' 54" E., on the south line of Wight Street, a distance of 35.01 feet, to a point at the intersection with the southerly extension of the easterly line of Meldrum Street (platted 49.38 feet wide)

Thence N. 26° 14' 47" W., on the easterly line of Meldrum Street, and the southerly extension thereof, a distance of 491.04 feet, to the northwest corner of Lot 4 of the RUSSEL'S PLAT, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 12, Wayne County Records;

Thence N. 59° 52' 43" E., on the north line of said Lot 4, a distance of 105.70 feet to the intersection with the easterly line of said RUSSEL'S PLAT;

Thence N. 26° 14' 47" W, on the easterly line of said RUSSEL'S PLAT, a distance of 170.00 feet, to **THE POINT OF BEGINNING**. Containing 45.114 acres of land, more or less.



Exhibit B  
DBRA Resolution



**CODE DBRA 25-01-130-16**

**EAST JEFFERSON AT BELLE ISLE SITE WITHIN THE EAST RIVERFRONT DISTRICT BROWNFIELD PLAN: RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO TERMINATE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the “DBRA”) was created pursuant to Michigan Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended (“Act 381”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Detroit (“City Council”) is the governing body (as that term is defined by Act 381) of the DBRA; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2006, the DBRA Board of Directors approved the East Jefferson at Belle Isle Site within the East Riverfront District Brownfield Plan (the “Plan”) and recommended the approval of the Plan to City Council; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2006, City Council approved the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 14(8)(b) of Act 381 of 1996, as amended, permits a governing body to terminate a brownfield plan or plan amendment for an eligible property if the project for which eligible activities identified in the brownfield plan or plan amendment fails to occur with respect to the eligible property for at least 2 years following the date of the resolution approving the brownfield plan or plan amendment, provided that the governing body first does both of the following: (i) Gives 30 days' prior written notice to the developer at its last known address by certified mail or other method that documents proof of delivery attempted, and (ii) Provides the developer an opportunity to be heard at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the “developer” for the Plan is Bettis/Bettters Development, LLC (the “Developer”); and

WHEREAS, the DBRA has determined that the project identified in the Plan failed to occur within 2 years of City Council’s approval of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the DBRA Board of Directors desires to recommend termination of the Plan to City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, subject to the completion of the notice requirement described in Section 14(8)(b)(i) of Act 381 and the provision to the Developer of an opportunity to be heard at a public meeting pursuant to Section 14(8)(b)(ii) of Act 381, the DBRA Board of Directors hereby recommends termination of the Plan to City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, subject to the termination of the Plan by City Council, that the DBRA Board of Directors hereby authorizes the termination of any other agreements or contracts between the Developer and the DBRA that were executed in conjunction with the Plan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that any two Officers, or any two of the Authorized Agents of the DBRA, shall hereafter have the authority to negotiate and execute any and all documents, contracts, or other papers necessary to implement the provisions and intent of this resolution on behalf of the DBRA.

January 22, 2025

Exhibit C  
Notice of Termination





January 29, 2025

**SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**

Mr. Bettis and/or Mr. Betteres  
Bettis/Betteres Development, LLC  
512 N Main St.  
Royal Oak MI, 48067

Mr. Bettis and/or Mr. Betteres  
Bettis/Betteres Development, LLC  
3468 Brodhead Road, Suite 7  
Monaca, PA 15061

**RE: Notice of Intent to Terminate East Jefferson at Belle Isle Site within the East Riverfront District Brownfield Redevelopment Plan**

To whom it may concern:

Per Act 381 of 1996 Section 14 (8)(b), this letter is to inform you that the Detroit City Council has authorized this notice to inform you that termination of the Brownfield Plan for the East Jefferson at Belle Isle Site within the East Riverfront District Redevelopment Project (the "Plan") will be considered in no less than thirty ("30") days.

On October 16, 2006 the DBRA adopted and on November 17, 2006 the Detroit City Council approved the Plan.

It is our understanding that the project as described in the Plan has failed to occur. Because the project failed to occur, the Brownfield Plan will be terminated for the subject project per Act 381 of 1996 Section 14 (8)(b). Because no Eligible Activities have been submitted, a new Brownfield Plan may be established in the future.

While you are welcome to speak at any public meeting of City Council regarding the proposed termination, the following public meetings have been tentatively scheduled via Zoom regarding the termination of the Plan where, should you desire, you will also have an opportunity to be heard:

- Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 10:00 AM – Detroit City Council Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee
- Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 10:00 AM – Detroit City Council of the Whole Meeting

Both meetings will be held at the following Zoom link: <https://Detroitmi.gov/Online-CC-Meeting> To join via phone, please use one of the phone numbers below and enter the Meeting ID when prompted: US: +1 312 626 6799 +1 301 715 8592  
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Meeting ID: 330 332 554

In no event would any termination be effective until at least 30 days after the date of this notice.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kanalos  
Authorized Agent

CC: Rebecca Navin, DEGC  
Brian Vosburg, DEGC/DBRA  
Ngozi Nwaesei, Lewis & Munday

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 Royal Oak MI, 48067

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Mr. Bettis and/or Mr. Betters  
 Bettis/Bettters Development, LLC  
 512 N Main St.  
 Royal Oak MI, 48067



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Exhibit D  
City Council Resolution

**RESOLUTION  
TERMINATING THE BROWNFIELD PLAN  
OF THE CITY OF DETROIT BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
FOR THE EAST JEFFERSON AT BELLE ISLE SITE WITHIN THE EAST  
RIVERFRONT DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT;**

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City of Detroit  
County of Wayne, Michigan

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 381 PA 1996, as amended (“Act 381”), the City of Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (“Authority”) has been established by resolution of the City Council of the City of Detroit (the “City Council”) for the purpose of promoting the revitalization of eligible properties in the City of Detroit; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 17, 2006, City Council approved the Brownfield Plan for the East Jefferson at Belle Isle Site within the East Riverfront District Brownfield Redevelopment Plan (the “Plan”); and

**WHEREAS**, the eligible property described in Exhibit A, attached hereto, is the eligible property subject to the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 14(8)(b) of Act 381 permits a governing body to terminate a brownfield plan or plan amendment for an eligible property if the project for which eligible activities were identified in the brownfield plan or plan amendment fails to occur with respect to the eligible property for at least two (2) years following the date of the resolution approving the brownfield plan or plan amendment, provided that the governing body first does both of the following: (i) gives 30 days’ prior written notice to the developer at its last known address by certified mail or other method that documents proof of delivery attempted, and (ii) provides the developer an opportunity to be heard at a public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is the governing body (as that term is defined by Act 381) of the Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority’s staff has confirmed that no eligible costs for the project have been submitted pertaining to the eligible activities identified in the Plan within two (2) years of City Council’s approval of the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 22, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Authority adopted a resolution recommending termination of the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 3, 2017, City Council authorized the Authority, on behalf of City Council, to manage and/or administer the notices required by Act 381 in connection with any brownfield plan or plan amendment terminations; and

**WHEREAS**, the required notice of the termination of the Plan was given in accordance with Section 14(8)(b)(i) of Act 381, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 14(8)(b)(ii) of Act 381, the developer identified in the Plan was provided with an opportunity to be heard at a public meeting on March 6, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:**

1. The Plan is hereby terminated by City Council in accordance with Section 14(8)(b) of Act 381.
2. City Council hereby ratifies the termination, if any, of any agreements or contracts between the developer of the Plan and the Authority that were executed in conjunction with the Plan, including, but not limited to, the reimbursement agreement.

The City Clerk is requested to submit one (1) certified copies of this Resolution to the DBRA, 500 Griswold Street, Suite 2200, Detroit, MI 48226

AYES:           Members

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NAYS:           Members

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RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Janice Winfrey, City Clerk  
City of Detroit  
County of Wayne, Michigan

WAIVER OF RECONSIDERATION IS REQUESTED

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

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Janice Winfrey, City Clerk  
City of Detroit  
County of Wayne, Michigan