



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

MARY SHEFFIELD
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director, LPD
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: May 22, 2025
RE: Recovery Park Update

The Recover Park Project, as approved by City Council in 2015, is an ambitious program to provide jobs for returning citizens growing and selling fresh produce in Detroit. Since that time, there have been numerous reports of closures and layoffs at Recover Park. Please provide an update on the status of the Recovery Park Project, specifically addressing at minimum, the following:

- What is the current operational status of the Recovery Park Program?
- Who owns the land on which the program sits?
- Have any blight or nuisance tickets/violations been issued to Recovery Park?
- What benchmarks, if any, were required of Recovery Park as part of the Development Agreement?
- Has Recovery Park met its required benchmarks? If not, where have they fallen short?
- Does the Recover Park Development Agreement have a reverter clause?

Please contact Ari Ruttenberg from my office at ruttenberga@detroitmi.gov if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk