The landscape of Legacy Cities is most commonly understood by the levels of vacancy — low vacancy (<20%), moderate vacancy (20%-50%) and high vacancy (>50%). Since cities do not have the luxury of uprooting people into neatly consolidated urban “villages,” new zoning, housing, commercial and open space design strategies, especially in moderate vacancy areas where there are still high numbers of residents, are needed to redefine what new urban neighborhoods and efficient patterns of distributed densification might look like.

The market and the adjacent district are rare finds in a global economy—a local food district with more than 250 independent vendors and merchants processing, wholesaling, and retailing food. Just a few years ago, the Eastern Market was struggling to figure out how all the market could come back and become a central point in the city for residents and visitors to buy fresh produce and improve their connection to the city and surrounding community.

Traditional infrastructure systems are typically focused on delivering only one service at a time, and are often at the expense of the environment, public health and results in residential displacement. Additionally, depopulation has not only lessened the demand on land use, but also on roadways, water systems and even transit usage, leaving cities with an overabundance of underutilized infrastructure. Identifying design strategies that repurpose and transform vacant land, underused roads and successional landscapes into long-term productive uses that contribute to the city economic, social and environmental health are paramount.

The Brightmoor community is one of Detroit’s high vacancy areas, but maintains a very high level of active civic engagement. However, given its extreme level of vacancy in an area of the city where market demand for housing is more likely to be accelerated in adjacent neighborhoods, traditional infill solutions are not plausible for Brightmoor. Community members have deployed a number of alternative place-based strategies to maintain neighborhood stability and community vibrancy. Brightmoor’s conditions and its significant storm water management issues present opportunities to incorporate green infrastructure and other productive landscapes.
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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

**DAY 1: MOBILE WORKSHOPS & PUBLIC RECEPTION**

- **9:00am - 1:00pm** Forum Registration, Westin Cadillac Hotel 1114 Washington Blvd, Detroit, MI, 48226
- **12:45pm** Board Bus at Westin for Mobile Workshops
- **1:30pm - 3:00pm** Detroit Mobile Workshop Site #1: Cody/Rouge & Brightmoor, Brightmoor Community Center 1461 Burt Road, 48213
- **3:00pm - 3:30pm** Travel to Mobile Workshop Site #2
- **3:30pm - 5:15pm** Detroit Mobile Workshop Site #2: Eastern Market & Surrounding Areas, Trinosophes (1464 Gratiot Avenue, 48207)
- **5:30pm** Board Bus to Opening Reception
- **6:00pm - 8:00pm** Opening Reception & Presentations, One Woodward, 2nd Floor 1 Woodward Avenue, 48216
- **8:00pm** Dinner on Your Own in Downtown Detroit (See Map Insert)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

**DAY 2: WORK SESSIONS & WRAP UP**

- **7:30am** Meet and Board Bus at Westin Cadillac Hotel 1114 Washington Blvd, Detroit, MI, 48226
- **8:00am - 8:45am** Continental Breakfast at Univ. of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture 4003 W. McNichols Rd, Detroit, MI, 48221
- **8:45am - 12:00pm** WORK SESSION #1: Vacancy, Weeds & Infrastructure
- **12:00pm - 12:15pm** BREAK
- **12:15pm - 1:15pm** Lunch & Detroit Panel Discussion
- **1:15pm - 1:30pm** BREAK
- **1:30pm - 4:00pm** WORK SESSION #2: Vacancy, Density & New Neighborhoods
- **4:00pm - 4:15pm** BREAK
- **4:15pm - 5:00pm** Forum Summaries & Wrap Up Session
- **5:15pm** Shuttle to Airport

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