

Friday, October 17, 2008
Friday Morning Tours – 9:30 – 12:00

Five tours will be offered Friday morning, Buses will leave from entrance of Madame Cadillac building at 9:30 and return by noon. Organic box lunches may be pre-ordered to enjoy on your return. You might want to continue the tour conversation over lunch.

Tours are included in the conference registration fee, but you must pre-register for a tour. Tour space is limited and will be assigned on a first registered, first served basis. People who register on-site may go on a tour if space is available.

Tour 1 – Catherine Ferguson Academy (CFA)

CFA located near downtown Detroit, is an alternative public school for pregnant teens and young mothers. The school has many innovative features including a large garden and the raising of goats and chickens.

Tour 2 – Environmental Justice Tour

Rhonda Anderson, Environmental Justice Coordinator for Sierra Club Detroit, will take participants to sites that illustrate the negative environmental impacts on communities. Tour will highlight community involvement to bring about positive change.

Tour 3 – An Urban Garden Tour

A representative from the Greening of Detroit and the Detroit Agricultural Network will showcase a variety of urban agricultural efforts in Detroit. This will include community gardens, individual efforts and CSAs (Community Supported Agriculture)

Tour 4 - A Riverwalk Tour

The Detroit riverfront is being transformed into a walkable, people-and-other-species-friendly place. A representative from the Riverfront Conservancy will give this tour and tell the story of what has happened and what is next.

Tour 5 – Mudmats from Tires – Recycling Motown Style

Cass Community Social Services trains and employs people who are homeless to make attractive mudmats out of recycled tires. Come and see how they do it, and how they have put a dent in Detroit's unemployment rate as well as in the piles of abandoned tires that mar our landscape.