

DETROIT COMMUNITY LAND TRUST COALITION

MISSION

The Detroit Community Land Trust Coalition (DCLTC) is a growing coalition of concerned citizens, homeowners, renters, elected officials, policy experts and researchers whose mission is to support community ownership and neighborhood-driven decision making about land in Detroit.

VALUES

DCLTC supports the development of healthy communities throughout Detroit, according to residents' own definition of health and success. Driving our work is a commitment to:

- Re-defining how successful land development is understood and how its highest benefits are determined, captured, and justly distributed.
- Employing strategies that protect all residents' free access to public spaces to learn, create, and play.
- Supporting the creation of enough permanently affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families to meet the city's current and future need.
- Expanding opportunities for residents to build and own community assets through permanently affordable housing and community based enterprise.
- Holding a space for meaningful resident participation in decision-making about land use policies and development projects.
- Protecting and preserving land as a precious resource.
- Strengthening neighborly ties to cultivate beloved communities in which people want to be rooted (love, people)

Ultimately, we aim to shift the narrative and practice of development in a direction that honors the fact that both people and land are inherently valuable and should be treated and invested in accordingly. By promoting the active participation of residents in the ownership and development of the physical and social elements of their communities, we believe a greater respect for land and culture and their intrinsic connection to our livelihood will be achieved.