



RESTORING HOPE TO A PEOPLE.
PROVIDING HELP TO THE PLANET.

Speaking for Ourselves: The First People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit

Donele Wilkins
Fighting for Our Lives

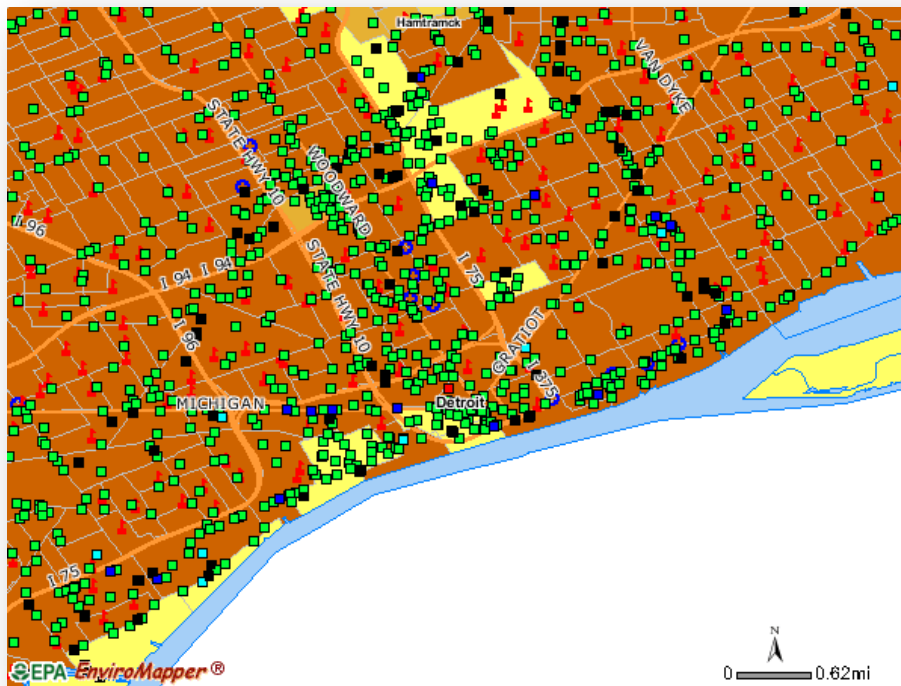


Confronting the Issues at Home

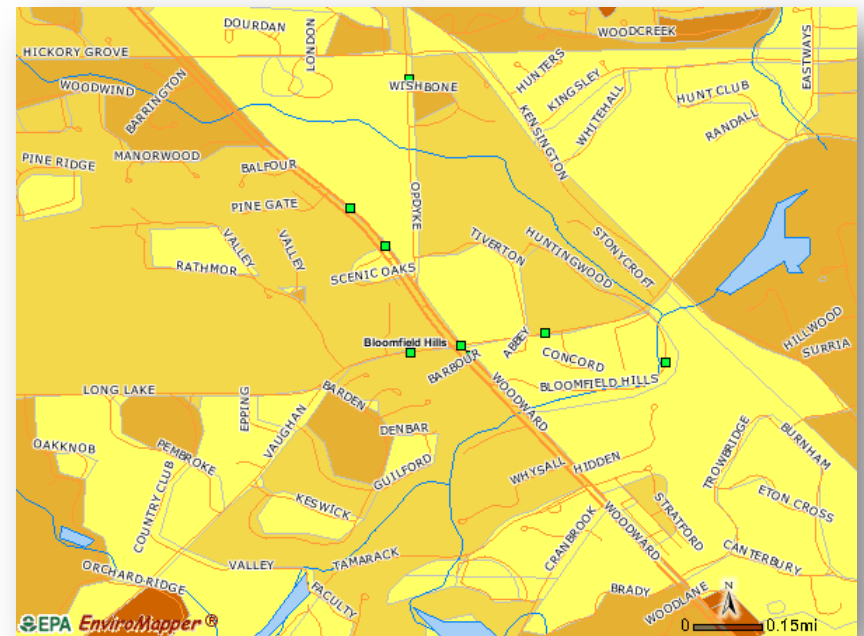


History of Injustice: Toxic Releases

Detroit

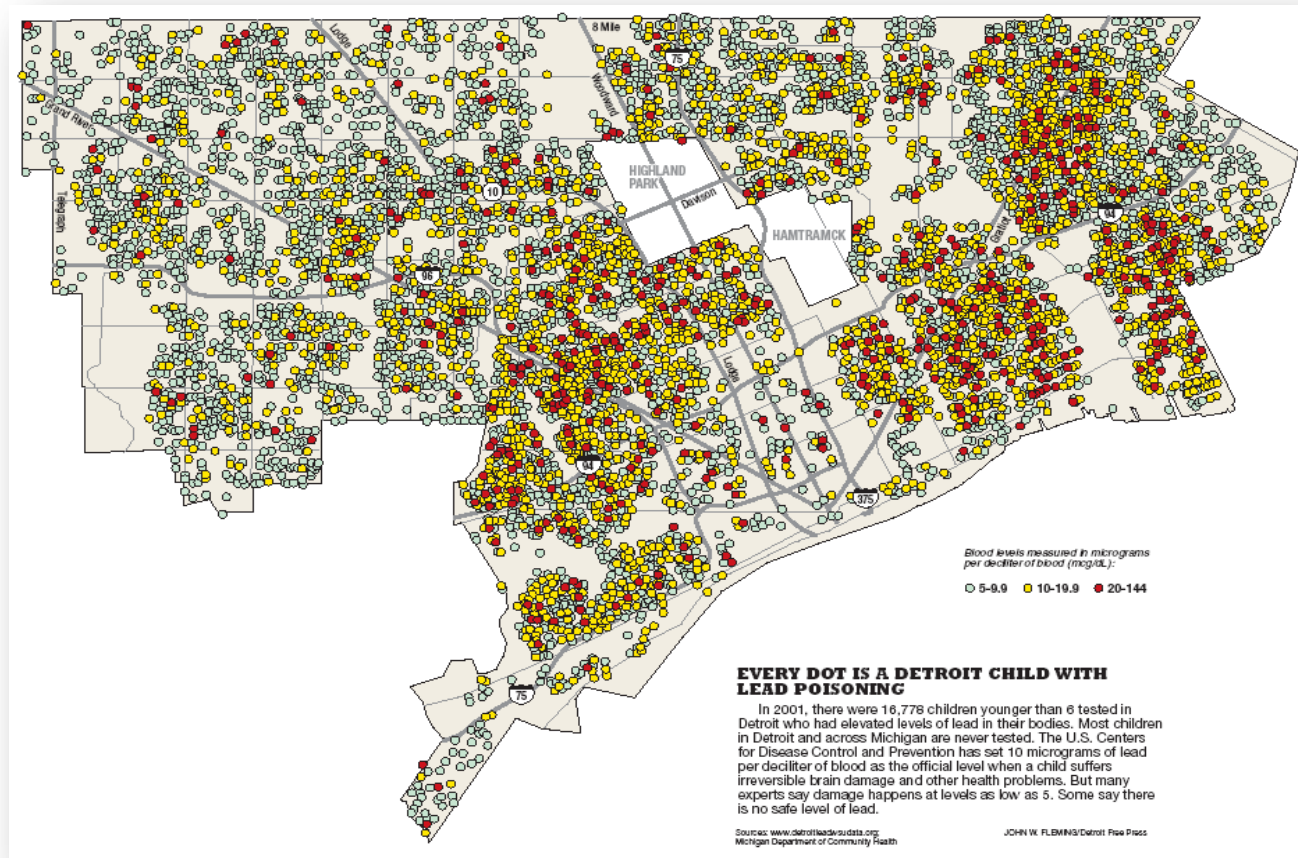


West Bloomfield





Lead Poisoning



Flint

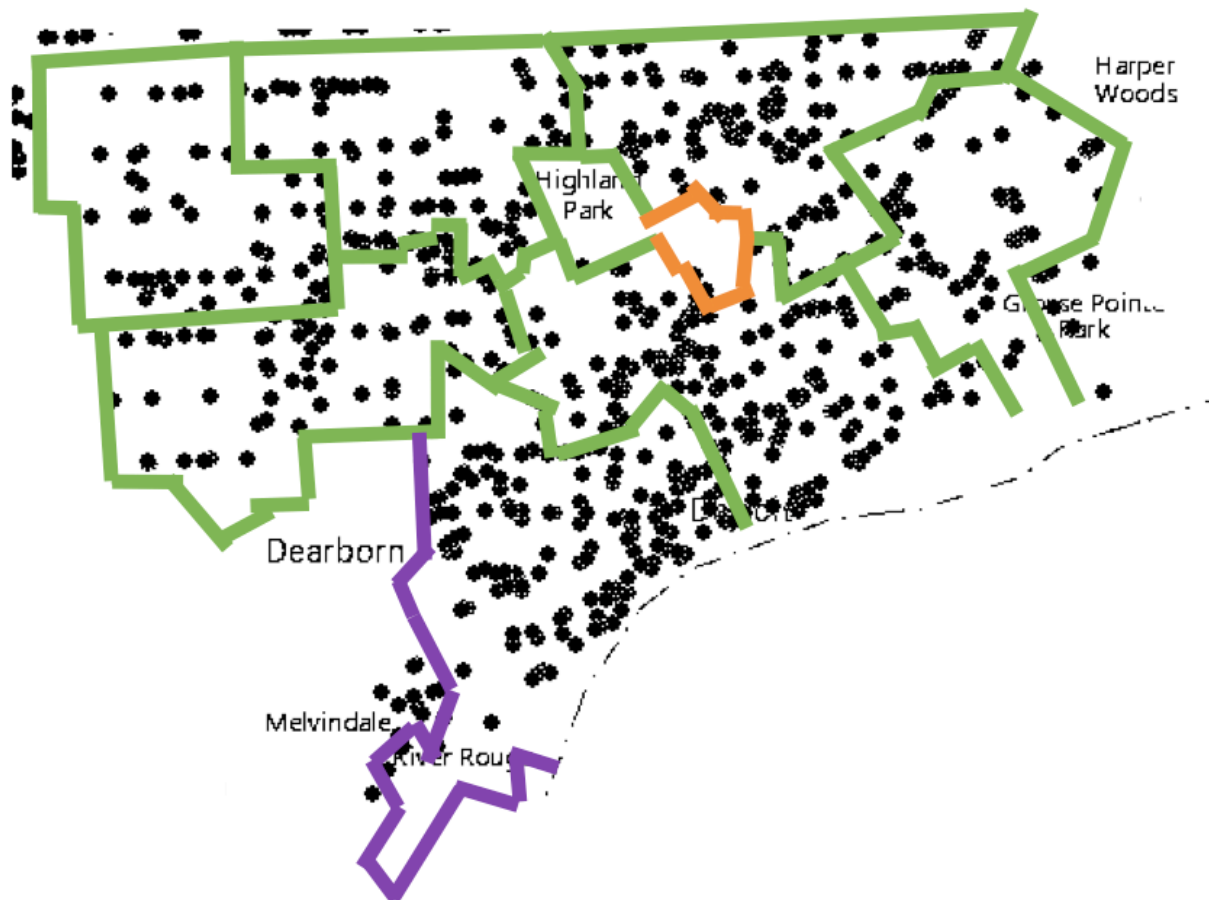


Up to 12,000 children poisoned

Detroit

65,000 contaminated sites

Only **250** cleaned up



80% affected are African American



DIRE ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSEQUENCES FROM POLLUTION-
BASED ECONOMY IN DETROIT

The Problem

Detroit is one of the **most polluted** cities in the U.S.¹

Some examples of the consequences:

- **Worst infant mortality rates in U.S.**
 - ...worse than some 3rd world countries²
- **One of the highest childhood asthma rates in U.S.**
 - ...costing the state **~\$88.4 million**³
 - ...is a leading cause of school absenteeism⁴
 - ...increases the chance of dropping out⁵
- **And one of the highest lead levels in U.S.**
 - ...leads to lower IQ scores
 - ...and lower lifetime earnings of **~\$4.85 billion** dollars per year⁶



DIRE ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSEQUENCES FROM POLLUTION-
BASED ECONOMY IN DETROIT



CHRONIC UN/UNDEREMPLOYMENT
AMONG AFRICAN AMERICAN
MALES (AGE 22-37)

- Disengaged Citizens
- Returning Citizens
 - » High recidivism
 - » Difficulties integrating

We See An Opportunity



Detroit ranked 3rd in top 10 cities where black unemployment is rising the fastest¹

...the worst black unemployment rate
among 40 largest cities in U.S. at **43%**²

Finding Opportunity

To Invest in the Community

To Restore Our Environment





RESTORING HOPE TO A PEOPLE.
PROVIDING HELP TO THE PLANET.



DIRE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES FROM POLLUTION- BASED ECONOMY IN DETROIT



CHRONIC UN/UNDEREMPLOYMENT AMONG AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES (AGE 22-37)

- Disengaged Citizens
- Returning Citizens
 - » High recidivism
 - » Difficulties integrating

PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY

Advocate at federal and local level for equal environmental
protection for vulnerable populations

DIRECT SERVICE

The Green Career Pipeline



AN ENVIRONMENTALLY STRONG DETROIT THRIVING ON A GREEN ECONOMY



AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES RE-ENGAGED AND PRODUCTIVE “AMBASSADORS FOR CHANGE”

- Restoring Environment
- Empowered to Advocate
- Acknowledged as contributors

QUALIFIED WORKER
IMPACTING THE ENVIRONMENT
IN CITIES BEYOND DETROIT

Our Vision

Manifesting Assets

To restore the environment and
advocate for environmental justice

.



How We Will Get There: Our Two Year Goals

Direct Service

In Detroit:

- Obtain school license to expand training in Detroit from 25 to 100 a year
- Partner with entrepreneurial training agency to provide option for hard-to-employ participants to start their own businesses
- Grow revenue by creating a staffing agency to become official contractor for clients

Beyond Detroit:

- Pilot a replication model in Flint to train an initial cohort of 30

Advocacy

- Build on the momentum from the Flint water crisis to advocate for a stronger environmental justice legislative framework in Michigan

**Total Investment:
\$989k Over Two Years**

A Better Use of Investment Dollars



\$35,000 a Year
to Incarcerate
One Inmate

OR



\$8,000 a Year
For Green Door to Train
One Trainee

Join Us to Invest in Detroit's Future

\$989k will lead to...

130 African American men
each year who are re-
engaged in the community and
workforce



Contributing to society and
restoring our environment



greendoor
initiative

RESTORING HOPE TO A PEOPLE.
PROVIDING HELP TO THE PLANET.

