Building Neighborhood Capacity

**Livernois Corridor Initiative**

*2011-present*

The LIVERNOIS CORRIDOR INITIATIVE is an ongoing project whereby Impact Detroit connects grassroots efforts in the area with larger planning initiatives and plays a key role in supporting the implementation of projects. Impact Detroit has defined the Livernois Corridor as its focus area over the next year.

The Livernois Corridor, formerly a vibrant commercial corridor, has recently attracted interest from many economic and physical development initiatives in the city of Detroit. Impact Detroit and the DCDC have had the opportunity to be a part of many of these initiatives, building on this momentum and better tying the corridor to the surrounding communities.

Many organizations are participating in efforts relating to the corridor, including the 12th Precinct Coalition, The Detroit Works Project, the Livernois Corridor Working Group, Marygrove College, the University of Detroit Mercy, the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, University Commons, People for Palmer Park, NEXT Detroit Neighborhood, the BING Initiative, and others.

In Fall 2011, the DCDC sponsored an undergraduate design studio that studied the corridor and its surrounding communities through methods of physical analysis and community engagement. Students developed imaginative yet viable ideas for improving the area, illustrating the power of design through community collaboration.

**PROJECT PARTNERS:**
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