

Position Title: Summer Intern – Wayne County, MI

Position Location and Logistics:

- Office location will be at the Western Wayne Extension Office in the City of Wayne, Michigan.
- Available: May 15th – August 15th 2014
- Salary \$11.25 per hour and includes mileage reimbursement for job-related travel
- Status: Maximum 400 hours

Urban Collaborators Intern Duties:

- Work primarily with the Joy-Southfield Community Development Corporation (JSCDC)
- Work with the Director of Community and Economic Development of JSCDC and the Extension Educator to identify potential funding sources to support the development of a business association as well as support other development activities.
- Assist in the development and submissions of funding applications that are consistent with JSCDC funding needs.
- Work with local business owners and residents to develop a local business association for the Joy Road Corridor between Southfield Road and Trinity Street.
- Attend meetings of the Community and Economic Development Board of the JSCDC.
- Assist in the planning and working with City of Detroit Planning Staff to help support zoning changes for Joy Road.
- Meet with Extension Educator weekly to discuss progress and other issues related to intern responsibilities.
- Complete all required university reports related to internship position.

Brief Description of Cody Rouge Commercial Corridor

Joy Road runs through the heart of Cody Rouge, linking the Southfield Freeway in the east to Rouge Park in the west. The one-mile stretch between the freeway and Evergreen Road is designated as a Downtown of Promise by the Michigan State Housing Authority. Current development in the proposed future downtown area varies considerably in character and condition. Visually, Joy Road is in search of a unifying theme.

Another challenge from the standpoint of downtown development is the lack of diversity among businesses, with large concentrations of businesses that do not cater to the everyday needs of residents. In spite of the challenges, Joy Road possesses assets that define the corridor and have significant bearing on its ability to become a retail destination.. A parcel analysis of existing structures along Joy Road, conducted for this report, concluded that over half of commercial buildings were in good or fair condition, and more than half offered on site parking, a

convenience for shoppers traveling by car. Joy Road is also home to historical and cultural anchors that shape the overall character of the neighborhood. The Edison Branch of the Detroit Public Library and Station #27 of the Detroit Fire Department are classic buildings that house valuable services for the neighborhood.

Cody-Rouge Statistics

The population of the area is 33,841.

The median household income is \$28,070.

No vehicle access is 17%.

Unemployment rate 41%.

Housing vacancy rate is 24.3%.

Home ownership rate is 53.4%

1 High School, 3 DPS K-8 schools, 2 charter schools

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