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Date: June 14, 2022
To: Detroit City Council
From: Sarah Allaben, RARE AmeriCorps, Wildfire Recovery Coordinator
Subject: Detroit Downtown Visioning Survey

BACKGROUND

At its April 4, 2022, meeting, the Detroit City Council directed me to assist with community outreach regarding downtown visioning and development in the City. A volunteer committee composed of representatives from the Council, Planning Commission, and Detroit business community was formed and has been meeting regularly to discuss this work. In May, the committee developed and released a survey about Detroit's downtown needs in the short- and long-term. The survey, in both paper and online formats, was advertised to the community through numerous social media platforms as well as two community events on 5/21/22 and 6/4/22.

SURVEY RESULTS

Included in this packet is a brief report summarizing the initial results of the survey. As of 6/7/2022, there were 161 respondents. The survey garnered hundreds of write-in responses, which, in the attached report, were distilled into a few recurring themes/ideas per survey question. A comprehensive report listing *all* write-in responses is available if desired; please contact sallaben@mwvcog.org to request it.

NEXT STEPS

The survey will remain open through 6/15/22 and can be accessed at this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Nq1xuQXYwR>. A paper (mail-in) copy of the survey can be requested by contacting me at sallaben@mwvcog.org or 971-301-4439.

A final comprehensive report of the survey results will be shared with the City Council once completed. These findings are intended to be used by the City Council, Planning Commission, and any future consultant or organization working on downtown development in the City of Detroit. The survey questions were written to gather a baseline understanding of how the Detroit community wants its downtown area to look and function, as well as to collect innovative ideas from the community that can inform future development. The results may be used in conjunction with the funding opportunity for downtown revitalization presented by Marion County Economic Development at this Detroit City Council meeting on June 14, 2022.



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Date: May 3, 2022
To: Detroit City Council
From: Sarah Allaben, RARE Wildfire Recovery Coordinator
Subject: Renewable Energy & Hazard Mitigation Resources

I have produced several resources for Santiam Canyon and mid-Willamette Valley residents regarding natural hazards mitigation, wildfire resiliency, and renewable energy/energy efficiency. These resources are currently available on the MWVCOG website (<https://www.mwvcog.org/cause/wildfire-resiliency-hazard-mitigation/>) and will hopefully be available on the City of Detroit website soon.

For your reference, below I have provided links to the resources and screenshots of what they look like. Any feedback is welcomed.

Santiam Canyon Resident Resource Toolkit (brochure): [Click to download.](#)
 Paper copies will be delivered to the new community center once it opens.



Emergency Kit

- Water and non-perishable food for several days
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio & NOAA Weather Radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries and external phone charger
- Whistle
- Dust masks
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape for emergency shelter
- Plastic bags and moist towelettes for personal sanitation
- Wrench/pliers to turn off utilities
- Knife and mess kit
- Can opener
- Local maps
- First aid kit
- Fire extinguisher
- Lighter or matches
- Change of clothes
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Pet food and water
- Cash (-\$100, small denominations)
- Prescription medications
- Important family documents

For more information, visit co.marion.or.us/PW/EmergencyManagement

STAY INFORMED

Sign up for Marion County hazard alerts:
 Scan with your phone camera and create an account

Find your evacuation route:
 Scan with your phone camera, then navigate to page 24

Santiam Canyon RESIDENT RESOURCE TOOLKIT

MID-WILAMETTE VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
 More information and resources at mwvcog.org

Your guide to:
 Emergency preparedness
 Hazard mitigation & weatherization
 Energy efficiency
 Wildfire resiliency

HOME REPAIR AND WEATHERIZATION

Weatherization Assistance Program

- For income-qualifying households
- Free energy audits and weatherization services
- **Contact:** Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (503-315-7055)

Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program

- For income-qualifying households
- Low-interest loans up to \$25,000 for home improvement and weatherization projects
- **Contact:** Valley Development Initiatives (503-540-1640)

USDA Rural Development Single-Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants

- For income-qualifying households
- Loans (up to \$20,000) and grants (up to \$7,500) for homeowners to improve/repair homes or remove safety hazards
- **Contact:** 503-414-3335 or rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-programs

Craft3 Clean Water Loans

- Loans to finance septic system repairs, including permitting, design, and installation
- **Contact:** Craft3.org/CleanWaterOre

WILDFIRE RISK MITIGATION

A QUICK GUIDE TO DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Immediate Zone: 0-5 feet

- Most critical zone to manage regularly
- Remove debris from roof and gutters
- Remove flammable material (mulch, plants, leaves or needles, firewood) from wall exteriors
- Consider installing a metal/tile/clay roof, double-paned windows, and metal mesh vent coverings

Intermediate Zone: 5-30 feet

- Remove vegetation under trees that could help ignite canopy fires
- Use driveways, patios, and walkways as fuel breaks
- Make sure mature tree canopy is >10 feet from your home

Extended Zone: 30-100 feet

- Remove dead plant and tree material
- Remove vegetation adjacent to accessory buildings (e.g., sheds)
- Space out trees and vegetation

For more information, visit **Firewise USA**
nifa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Energy Trust of Oregon

- Wide array of cash incentives and DIY resources for home projects that improve energy efficiency and save costs
- **Contact:** energytrust.org/residential/incentives

FLOODS & LANDSLIDES

Burned areas face a greater risk of flooding and landslides. Assess your property for landslide potential and consider planting ground cover on slopes or building retaining walls in high-risk areas.

More info: oregongeology.org/Landslide/homeowners-landslide-guide.pdf

Community Resources

Community Resource Network

- Join the collaborative network of organizations and community members in Marion County that share pooled resources for mutual aid
- **Contact:** 503-588-7975 or co.marion.or.us/CS/Pages/CommunityResourceNetwork.aspx

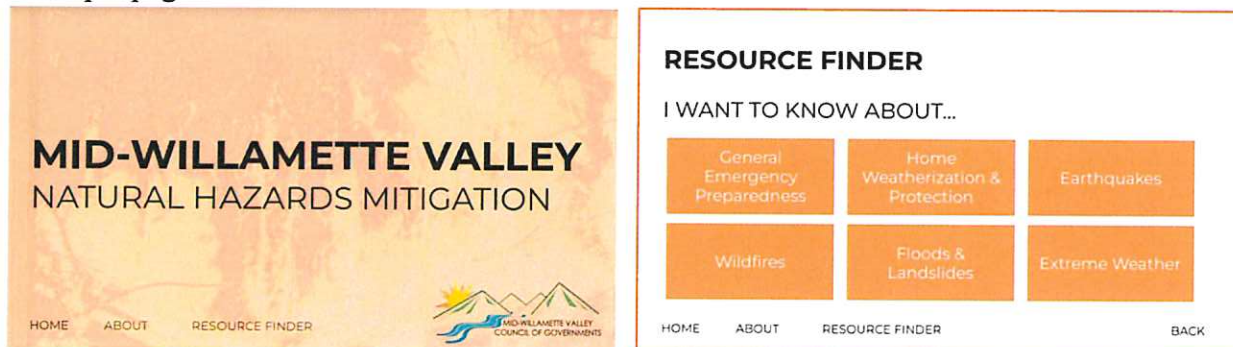
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- Free 21-hour hands-on course trains you to prepare for a disaster, understand the hazards most likely to affect your community, identify and reduce fire hazards, work in a team setting, learn the Incident Command System, apply fire suppression strategies, and more
- **Contact:** 503-588-5108 or mccem@co.marion.us

Natural hazards mitigation interactive resource finder: [Click to download.](#)

Interactive PDF has inter-linked pages, so you can click on buttons to navigate to resources that fit your needs. Includes information and programs about wildfire hardening, extreme heat, emergency kits, flood mitigation, etc.

Example pages:



Renewable energy and energy efficiency interactive resource finder: [Click to download.](#)

Interactive PDF has inter-linked pages, so you can click on buttons to navigate to resources that fit your needs. Includes information and programs about solar, electric vehicles, federal and state tax incentives, etc.

Example pages:

