

NOTICE: The project is effectively on hold. It was pushed in the wrong direction at the start--or at least in too many directions at once--so I won't be posting much online until I have finished preliminary personal networking, research, and preparation. Respond to this comment with your email address to be kept posted on significant developments, or just check this header periodically. The Proje/k/t is dormant, not dead, and will awaken after what I hope to be a beautiful metamorphosis.

Stay tuned, my friends. These things take time to do right.

-/K/omrade /Diy/nosaur

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Pertinent Tasks

- Determine initial cost: We have a list of potential properties, but we need to determine the back taxes and realtor fees on these, as well as the possibility of a cash discount, cost of utilities. From what I understand, this info is a short phone call away. Check a direct realtor site such as Zillow.com for realtor contact information. If that fails, run an internet search for the property for sale.

Either comment with your findings, or, preferably, email them to Komrade.Dinosaur@gmail.com, and he'll compile a spreadsheet with everyone's data.

- Determine the ongoing cost of having a house in Detroit: annual property taxes, utilities, etc.-- this information can likely be obtained during the phone call about existing back taxes.

Either comment with your findings, or, preferably, email them to Komrade.Dinosaur@gmail.com, and he'll compile a spreadsheet with everyone's data.

- Research Detroit weapon and self defense laws: stand your ground laws, knife laws, firearm carry/use laws, and so forth. Detroit is a dangerous city, and you won't be of much use to the Proje/k/t if you're dead or imprisoned.

See: [defense laws](#)

- Research existing SHTF-compatible organizations: bicycle co-ops for transportation, urban farmers/gardeners for food supply, biofuel mechanics, etc.--if such organizations are in the area we end up in, all the better. It is easier to assimilate, rather than replicate, existing efforts.

See: [local resources](#)

- We need a name. Brainstorm ideas in reply to this comment, where we can also hammer out the details of what everyone expects from this initiative.

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Contacts and Communications

mIRC chat

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Donations and Fundraising

Official fundraising information will be posted here when we have reasonably solid cost estimates and viable properties selected. Materials collection can begin once we have a brick and mortar location at which to collect materials.

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Local Resources

Transportation

<http://thehubofdetroit.org/>

Food and Farming

<http://greeningofdetroit.com/>

<http://www.urbanfarming.org/>

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Self Defense and Defense of One's Property

Stand Your Ground is allowed:

<http://knife-expert.com/mi.txt>

<http://www.opencarry.org/mi.html>

http://crime.about.com/od/gunlawsbystate/a/gunlaws_mi.htm

Firearm discharge laws:

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(ff0nfc2vc0vv1zjbdhzmngxam\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=mcl-324-73103&query=on&highlight=discharge](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(ff0nfc2vc0vv1zjbdhzmngxam))/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=mcl-324-73103&query=on&highlight=discharge)

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(ff0nfc2vc0vv1zjbdhzmngxam\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=mcl-750-234&query=on&highlight=discharge](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(ff0nfc2vc0vv1zjbdhzmngxam))/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=mcl-750-234&query=on&highlight=discharge)

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The Original Document in All Its Glory



We are a group of like minded individuals who wish to make an impact on the community by revitalizing dilapidated or broken down property and retrofitting it with green energy solutions in order to create a self-sustaining oasis in the middle of the city.

Overall long term goal: Our aim is to found a small community in Detroit full of people who share the same aspirations. The goal is to create something that the neighborhood and the entire city of Detroit can be proud of. We will accomplish this through a mix of sustainable farming, green energy retrofitting and free market trading of goods and services.

For new comers, in order to open the chat, click on “X other viewers” bar on the top right of your screen. We’re all actively chatting there. Also, comments are open to everyone. Feel free to add substantial comments when necessary.

I highly recommend reading through the entire document to get a full update on our situation.

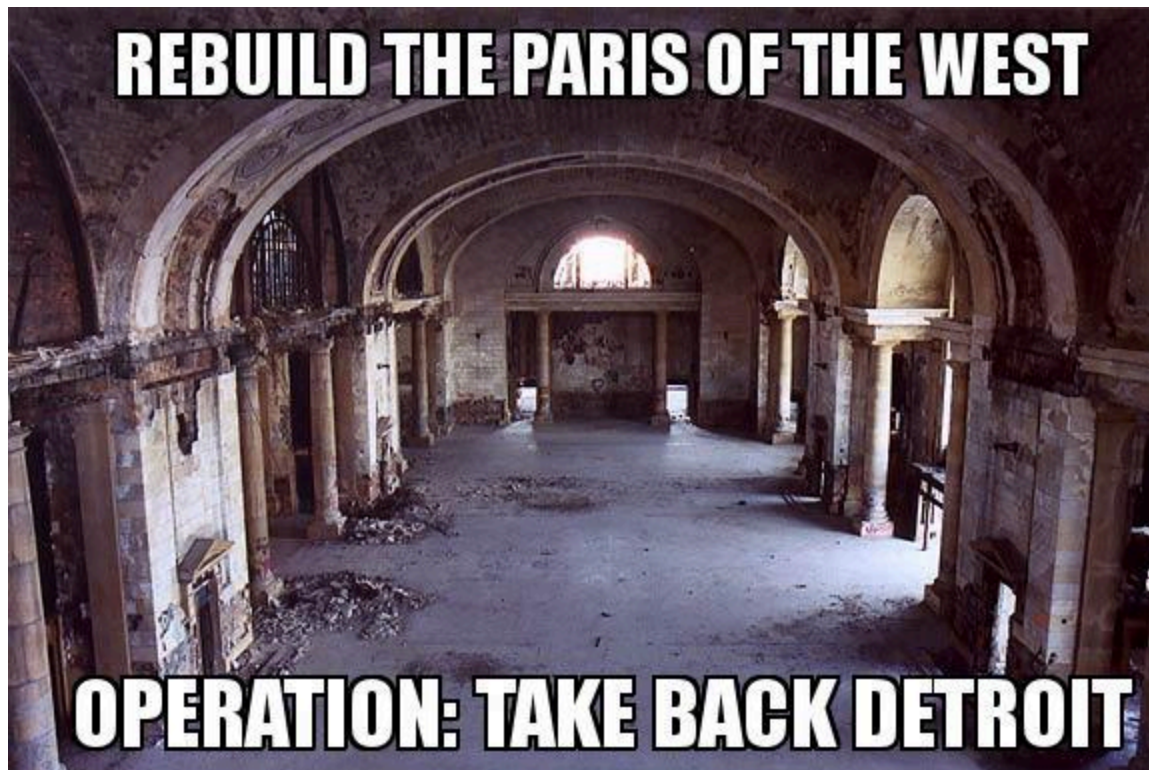
This is open to all /pol/, /k/, /fit/, /diy/ and any board that wants to help. All you need is the link. everyone can comment, but I don’t have edit open because then people might begin deleting things we already have.

OPERATION IS A GO.

Donation link: <http://detroitkickstart.chipin.com/housing>

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If in the end its a wash donations will be returned.



Anyone wanting to join in on the chat.

Get in mIRC

/join irc.foonetic.net

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What we have so far:

Short Term Goal: Kickstarter to raise money to buy a single building for us to come and clean up in Detroit.

/k/ommrade /diy/nasaur's contributions:

>>>/k/12369550 and >>>/diy/258526 here. I believe I am the man for the job of establishing our foothold. I have /diy/ experience from my father putting me to work around the house growing up (he built half of it himself, and I assisted him), I am well-versed in urban homesteading, I have community organization connections, I have been homeless (by choice) for years and have lived frugally and resourcefully (and I have been safely homed in a gangland community), I am finishing up an EMT course, and I am a /k/ommando, owning an AMD-65, in the market for a carry pistol, and experienced in various martial arts.

Would you folks respond well to a Kickstarter page for establishing a "house on Paper Street" type facility in Detroit? I could make this happen, and I know plenty of people who would love to help me (tons of

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urban gardening friends, survivalists, /diy/nosaurs, /k/omrades, people in real estate and real estate assessment....).

tl;dr: I can build a fairly sustainable /k/ommunity, would I have your support, financial or otherwise?

What I see as a (hastily-crafted) viable plan so far:

We pick out a property, or several adjacent properties, and try to get tax breaks on our "community revitalization project" (pull ideas and language from this sort of thing:

<http://www.transitionnetwork.org/sites/default/files/TransitionInitiativesPrimer%283%29.pdf>)

I finish up my EMT course, take a few more bicycle mechanic classes, and then head out to Detroit with some /Diy/ke /K/ommandos.

We establish gardens on our property, fence it in. Our gardens established, we can use them to teach our neighbors, and we can help them grow their own food and grow in public places. We will earn their trust and respect.

We continue to improve ourselves and our community: eventually, even the local Detroit folks will have been /k/onverted. We will be a shining example of a largely self-sufficient city.

I must head out for the night, but I will be back in a couple days (most likely on /k/).

We need to first figure out location and taxes, I would think. Supplies will be more of a priority when we know where we're going and what sort of repairs the /k/ompound will need.

However, if you would like to stockpiling supplies as you scrounge them up:

We will need general tools and supplies for home maintenance. We will need to assess the building before getting into this list, but establishing a general workshop area would be a good idea, especially since we will need to build a few things for our gardening setup.

We will need general gardening tools and supplies. Seeping hoses, quality soil, a mulcher,... I'll see if I can get some urban homesteading books uploaded.

We will need fencing, outdoor lighting, etc.

We will need, if practical, components for a rainwater capture system. At the very least, it will keep the plants sufficiently watered, but we may be able to get drinking water out of it. These supplies can also be used to establish a greywater system.

We will need, if space permits, livestock and related supplies. A watch dog or two would be nice, and I'll see about finding that urban homesteading book in electronic format so you can read up on what types of animals lend themselves to this sort of close-quarters farming (chickens, rabbits, quail, waterfowl,...).

We will need bicycles for parts. We can cut costs and limit our oil dependence if we ride and maintain our

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own bicycles. I am somewhat knowledgeable on bicycle mechanics; this is a skill I wish to sharpen when I'm done with my EMT course.

I am sure I'm overlooking something. If this is how you wish to help, begin stockpiling things that may be useful; we will arrange for shipment to the compound when the need arises.



Anon's contributions:

http://opensourceecology.org/wiki/Wiki_map

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Let me know what you think.

Throughout her history America's people have fought to better the lives of themselves and their loved ones. Finding no reprieve in their home country many came here, and when possibility called, many travelled west. From the settlers to frontiersmen, there exists in America a proud history of exploration and opportunity, many have followed the call to the next horizon and beyond. However, there is no horizon in the 21st century, no plains and frontiers, no Pacific Trail for those seeking a better life. No, in

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today's age, a new horizon must be built.

In the early 20th century Detroit was lauded as the "Paris of North America"; a bastion of prosperity and hope, of class and opportunity. Times have since changed, and a dark era of economic crisis and governmental decay have torn optimism from the city. However, even amongst the thickest ashes glimmers a faint hope, and it is this small ember we seek to ignite.

Detroit offers many things virtually non-extant in the rest of America: affordable property, room to expand, infrastructure that can be rebuilt, and a population large enough to utilize it. All we require is the aid and assistance of likeminded individuals. This is no task for the meager of heart though, indeed this undertaking will require a stout heart and a stouter work ethic, but the rewards promise to be worth far more than the cost of entry. Those that wish to cast aside their perpetual bonds of apathy and engage in a new project I invite you to learn and join us. This is more than an exodus. This is more than the revival of a city. This is the future.

Take Back Detroit.

Anon's contributions:

The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time, with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure.

Anon's suggestion:

Alright, here's a suggestion:

We need to start organizing ahead of time, so when it all comes crashing down, we're ready to go.

I suggest the format of a non-profit organization:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Start-a-501c3-Nonprofit-Organization>

For the board of directors...

Well gentlemen, let's try holding elections. Time to vote from amongst us for leaders.

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Noko's contribution:

<http://www.vice.com/uneven-terrain/detroit-lives-vbs-part-1-of-3> - documentary on Detroit, hipsters take over some buildings and add hipster shit. Hypothetically we can do the same. No problems with the government too.

Anon's contribution:

https://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/03/fashion/the-young-and-entrepreneurial-move-to-downtown-detroit-pushing-its-economic-recovery.html?_r=1&pagewanted=all

Anon's contribution:

http://www.homes.com/Real_Estate/MI/City/DETROIT/p13/?orderby=price%20asc

<http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Squatters+rights>

http://www.ehow.com/facts_7255743_michigan-squatters-rights.html

<http://www.detroityes.com/mb/showthread.php?6980-Squatters-Rights-in-MI>

<http://www.khou.com/news/Stranger-moves-into-foreclosed-home-citing-little-known-Texas-law.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adverse_possession

Anon's contributions:

www.kw.com/homes-for-sale/48206/MI/DETROIT/1409-WEBB-ST/3yd-REALCOMP/MI-212047437.html

BreakellW's contributions:

I like the community idea but since everything is so cheap it would be easier to start by establishing a small business to get our foot in the door. I was thinking something along the lines of an indoor shooting range. We can do firearms safety and help people get their ccw which is very relevant in detroit. Also, a shooting range is not very likely to be broken into.

Anon's contributions:

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To make a forumboard to keep the discussion going:
here

<http://excoboard.com/>

possibility

and of course, the classic, <http://www.freeforums.org/phpbb-signup.php>

Anon's contribution

Hey guys,

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I'm a long-time lurker and occasional /k/ poster, with some knowledge that might help you guys out. My finances are miniscule, so I can't help you much in terms of funding, but my background can definitely benefit your efforts in a consultant role. The number of viewers of the google doc is blocking me from editing, so I'm emailing you guys.

I hold a degree in mechanical engineering, with a concentration in power plant design.

Nowhere in your document did you mention the energy needs of "New Detroit." For self-sufficient operation, you will undoubtedly need your own micro-grid for energy.

<http://lwf.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/online/ccd/avgwind.html>

Detroit's weather data shows average double-digit wind MPH ratings, making it a prime location for wind power. Windmills will also be more difficult to sabotage at the hands of redguards than solar (which takes a well-aimed pebble throw to ruin a \$2000 panel permanently), and can be done on a big scale with scrap parts.

If you get livestock, I can also design a system based on using the cow manure's methane gas to power a gas turbine system connected to a generator, also using junkyard parts.

Let me know if you guys are interested in these projects. I'm also decent at capital planning, so should you get money for this, I can help you allocate it in the best way possible. For my aforementioned projects, I will need some /diy/nosaurs who are savvy in the fields of welding, metal fabrication, electrical component fabrication (if we can't buy/repair old transformers and other grid components), and possibly in computer programming if some of the junkyard goods were off a modern BMW or something.

Salty's contributions:

he first step is to get a place and start working on it. It will be a small team working on making this sustainable. We have a lot of fence sitters who will donate after we begin.

Then we can work on expanding.

Alot of anons are talking about bringing business with them which is even better. I have talked to farmers, chemists, carpenters, electricians, ex military, scientists, and dentists who want this to

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happen



But I want this to be clear, people who cannot do anything or contribute are not welcome. People are expected to work, no hand outs.

People bringing illegal items are not welcome. We do not want to be raided because somebody is doing hard drugs.

Its also preferable to have a weapon and know how to use it.

Help us find a location. Right now we are using <http://whydontweownthis.com/> to look for a good spot.

Potential:

thanks to MIAMI for these

<http://pastebin.com/ULFyxQLD>

Currently working to get Grants. We could use some people who know and understand law to assist us on this.

Anyone who wishes for me to add anything to this document, simply post it in the chat or in comments, and I'll add it on.

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