



# DETROIT BLOCK X BLOCK

## BULLETIN

CITY OF DETROIT CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION

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Thank you for subscribing to the Block X Block Bulletin for additional updates on commercial demolitions in Detroit. Detroit Block by Block, as an archive of memories and experiences told through visuals and in-depth storytelling, provides a rich and vibrant tapestry of the city's commercial buildings. By capturing the essence of both the old and the new, we'll showcase the diverse history and ongoing development within Detroit.

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## FEATURED COMMERCIAL PROPERTY



**Former Hannan Memorial YMCA & Detroit Job Corps**  
10401 E. Jefferson

Opened in 1927, the Hannan Memorial YMCA building once housed a recreational center for youth and later was used as a job corps center for Detroiters. The building has been vacant since 1999. After years of neglect by private owners, the structural damage is significant and much of the building's roof is gone. The building is slated for demolition.

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## MEET OUR TEAM



**Rhea Bautista** is the Capital Planning Manager for the Construction & Demolition Department. She oversees the planning and implementation of capital projects for city-owned facilities, which include recreation centers, police precincts and firehouse renovations. Some of her projects utilize American Rescue Plan Act dollars (ARPA), and will be featured on Detroit Block by Block. Bautista has worked with the City of Detroit since 2016, and with the Construction and Demolition Department since 2022. She was born and raised in the warm climate of Hawaii, and quickly learned after moving to Detroit in 2015 that she's allergic to the cold. In her free time she enjoys attending a ceramic studio in metro Detroit called Art in Motion.

## BLIGHT TO BEAUTY



**4600 Chalmers, located on the city's east side**, was once a family-owned mechanic and tire shop before being abandoned. Over the years, it grew to be an eyesore at the corner of Chalmers and Canfield. This structure, which was surrounded by overgrowth and a dumping ground for trash in the neighborhood, is now removed. It's one of many commercial properties the City of Detroit's Construction & Demolition Department is targeting for removal using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars.

# ARPA RENOVATION PROJECTS



The Construction & Demolition Department's Capital Team is leading renovation and construction projects for public spaces across Detroit. These are funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Below is a list of ongoing and upcoming projects. Stay tuned to the Block X Block Bulletin for updates on community meetings and design plans.

Hart Plaza, Dodge Fountain

Heilmann Recreation Center

Butzel Family Phase 2

Patton Pool Renovation

Dexter Elmhurst

Chandler Park Rec building construction