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A Decade of Sustainable Communities



Featuring Keynote Speaker
Rev. Mariama White-Hammond

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Breakfast & Networking

Welcome

Keynote Address

Rev. Mariama White-Hammond

Presentation of Awards

Dina Harris

Mose Primus Jr.

Jessica Ramirez

Closing Remarks

Justin Schott, EcoWorks Executive Director

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EcoWorks creates opportunities to learn and practice the sustainable use of energy and natural resources through innovative education, job training, consulting, social business, and advocacy.



Reverend Mariama White-Hammond

2018 Annual Breakfast Keynote Speaker

Rev. Mariama White-Hammond was born in Boston in 1979 to two preacher-doctors and grew up with an understanding that God calls everyone to serve others. Her activism began in high school and continued at Stanford University where she was involved in campus politics and in the arts.

In September 2001 Rev. Mariama became the Executive Director of Project HIP-HOP (Highways Into the Past – History, Organizing and Power), an organization that she had been involved with in high school. At PHH, she taught young people to draw on the history of their ancestors and to use the arts as a tool to raise awareness about social issues. During her time there, PHH youth created artistic pieces on issues ranging from juvenile incarceration to funding for public transportation. They performed throughout Greater Boston in camps, homeless shelters, senior citizens homes and public transit stations as well as for leaders like the Mayor Walsh and Governor Patrick.

Rev. Mariama has received numerous awards for her work in the non-profit sector, including the Barr Fellowship, the Celtics Heroes Among Us, the Roxbury Founders Day Award and the Boston NAACP Image Award.

In 2014, Rev. Mariama stepped down as Executive Director and enrolled at Boston University School of Theology while continuing to serve at her local church, Bethel AME, as the Minister for Ecological Justice. In the spring of 2017, she graduated with her Masters of Divinity and was ordained an elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In the spring of 2018, Rev. Mariama received an appointment to pastor a new church. She is currently working with a multi-racial, multi-class team of leaders to build a church focused on reaching those who have been alienated by traditional church.

She speaks throughout the country to faith and secular groups and was the MC for both the Boston Women's March and Boston People's Climate Mobilization. Rev. Mariama serves on both local and national boards and committees like the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund, Union Capital Boston and Clean Water Action. She is also a fellow with the Green Justice Coalition, a collaborative of people-of-color-led environmental groups working for intersectional climate justice.



2018 Sustainable Communities Champions

For over three decades, EcoWorks has worked at the intersection of community development and sustainability. Our awards recognize exceptional individuals and organizations from Southeast Michigan who are leaders in bringing energy efficiency, environmental justice, and sustainability to our communities.

Dina Harris

National Faith Homebuyers



Dina Harris is the founder of National Faith Homebuyers, a non-profit agency that educates and provides assistance to prospective homeowners. Harris has spent the last twenty years as the Executive Director of the Washtenaw Homebuyers Program and Faith Community Homebuyers which recently merged into one organization, the National Faith Homebuyers Program. Harris believes in the power of homeownership to transform & stabilize a community. Under her leadership, National Faith Homebuyers has counseled in excess of 10,000 families, leading to more than 3,000 first time home purchases.

Mose Primus Jr.

Yorkshire Woods Community Organization

In the shadow of the housing market crash, Yorkshire Woods went through a season of transition that included the departure of neighborhood residents. Recognizing the community's need for fresh guidance and direction, Mose Primus Jr. recruited a group of neighbors and took office as the President of the Yorkshire Woods Community Organization in December of 2014. Since then, the organization has secured nonprofit status and has taken on new community projects. One such project, the "4 Angels Community Garden," transformed an empty lot into a community space that will sustainably feed the community for years to come. Under Primus' leadership, Yorkshire Woods became recognized as one of four Eco-D neighborhoods in the summer of 2018.



Jessica Ramirez

Detroiters Helping Each Other



Jessica Ramirez is the founder of Detroiters Helping Each Other (DHEO), a donation center that was born out of humble beginnings on the sidewalk outside of her Southwest Detroit home. Ramirez saw a need demonstrated by families in her community and she was inspired to do something about it. Since then, the center has grown in magnitude and has provided support for countless families. Three years ago DHEO came to the aid of the victims of a devastating fire that took 7 homes and was named "Organization of The Year" by the City of Detroit in 2015 for their successful efforts. Having experienced homelessness at a young age, Ramirez knows what it's like to be in need of a helping hand. Her heart for animals has led her to expand beyond her humanitarian efforts and serve animals in need as well.

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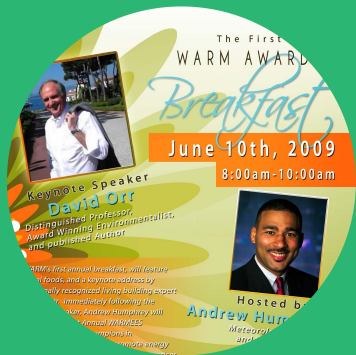


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2009

Honored as a Charter One Bank/Channel 7 Champion in Action, their first award for environmental impact. First Annual Breakfast (the "WARMEEES") held at MOCAD, featuring author/professor David Orr.

2011

As part of the Southeast Michigan Regional Energy Office, EcoWorks designed, launched and managed the \$180 million BetterBuildings for Michigan program along with the State of Michigan.

2013

Became the first National Center For Healthy Homes Training Center, the first in the nation that is also a Regional Weatherization Training Center. WARM Training Center adopted a new name and brand in EcoWorks to better reflect the variety of ways it promotes sustainable living and building.



2015

Former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm delivered the keynote address at the 2015 EcoWorks Annual Breakfast.

2017

Purchased the historic Yamasaki American Concrete Institute building in the Berg-Lahser neighborhood of northwest Detroit.



2010

Honored as one of only two nonprofits chosen in the Detroit Free Press inaugural Green Leader Awards.



2012

Launched Reclaim Detroit, focused on building a deconstruction industry as a viable alternative to demolition, reusing valuable materials, and providing skilled job training and placement.



2014

Launched Eco-D, a new model for developing eco-districts in Detroit. In 2015, the inaugural Eco-D neighborhoods are announced, HOPE Village and West Village. EcoWorks honored Grace Lee Boggs with the Sustainable Communities Champion Lifetime Achievement Award at the Annual Breakfast.

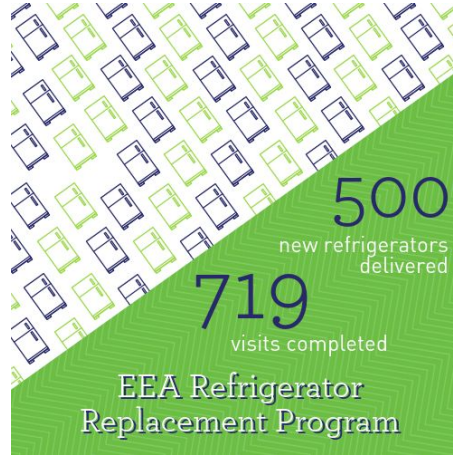
2016

EcoWorks celebrated its 35th anniversary of building sustainable solutions. Environmental justice and native peoples advocate, Winona LaDuke addressed the Annual Breakfast as keynote speaker.



A Year in Review at EcoWorks

We're proud of what we've accomplished in the past year! Take a look at what we've been up to:



A Note From Our Executive Director

Last September, when we moved into our new building of glass and concrete, I looked out past the parking lot at the silver maple with the first hints of color in its leaves. A chest high, white cinderblock wall bordered an unused, ½ acre green space; a picnic table near the tree was the lone marker of possibility. We had arrived but we hadn't begun.

After the snow melted, we began our work of building community in earnest: attending Berg-Lahser block club meetings, hosting volunteer events and community barbeques, even canvassing door to door. We worked with a team from the Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC) at U-D Mercy to convene three community design sessions (including one for sixth graders) to envision how our space could be an asset for the neighborhood. We giddily tore down the old "private property" sign in anticipation of the work to come.

I learned a lot from those conversations. Residents expressed gratitude for being included in the process and enthusiasm for sustainability. Though our interests are diverse, we share more common ground than we realized and almost all of our interests are compatible. We can host an outdoor film screening or blow up a bouncy castle for kids (as we have in the past few weeks) and install a solar array to power those. We can plant rich gardens of native plants that provide both aesthetic and ecological value and celebrate the beauty of rainwater while keeping 80% of it out of the storm drains. And these features can be the backdrop for youth leadership and teambuilding activities, block club meetings, energy and water saving workshops, eco-district trainings, and yes, even more bouncy castles. The use of the space will rotate like the seasons, offering changing perspectives and opportunities.

Our small patch of earth can abundantly satisfy the needs of many without compromising the needs of anyone. This is the kind of journey we are supporting in all of our work—with residents, students, schools, neighborhoods, and entire municipalities. We can arrive at sustainability by authentically building and celebrating community.





After nearly four decades of fostering sustainable and equitable community development in dozens of neighborhoods, schools, and municipalities, we now have a unique opportunity to showcase sustainable features ourselves. We asked ourselves: **How can we make environmental sustainability tangible, attractive, and inclusive for people of all ages, abilities, and interests? How can this space both honor and contribute something new to the history and culture of the neighborhood?**

Since June, we have hosted four community workshops and gatherings and can't wait for more! The final design includes many planned improvements that we hope make EcoWorks a place that brings sustainability to life; showcase ecological harmony and resilience, and welcome diverse, inclusive, intergenerational community.

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PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNITY SPACES:

- Fully accessible and inclusive community multipurpose room for events, including block club meetings, workshops, and sustainability demonstrations
- New, native and edible landscaping
- Installation of bioswale to control water runoff
- Energy and water efficiency demonstrations
- Youth-friendly features and activities
- Multifunctional space for outdoor functions, including community meals, live music, movie screenings, and more!



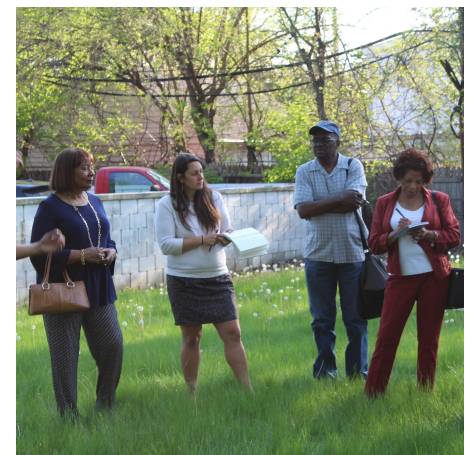
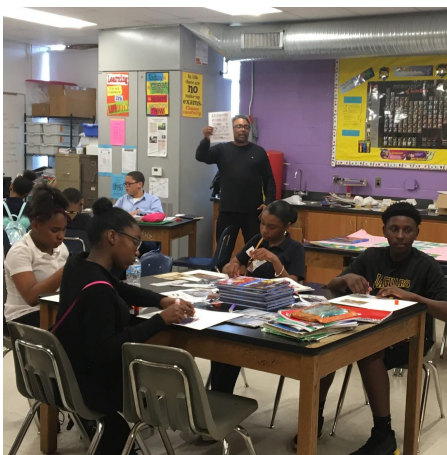
Special thanks to the Detroit Collaborative Design Center!



We want to thank the DCDC for their partnership and guidance in the planning and facilitation of the community design process. The community design workshops were fundamental in listening to our neighbors wants and needs and bringing those ideas to life in the resulting designs. These spaces are sure to be inclusive, engaging, and educational for all. Thank you!

Learn more about them at: www.dcdc-udm.org

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