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THANK YOU, 2021 VOLUNTEERS

for spending time & energy with us...rain, snow, or shine!

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DETROIT GREEN MAP FUNDRAISER

We are so pleased to launch the 2021 Detroit Green Map, a celebration of this city's creative responses to many of our global challenges. Click below to learn more about the project and our partners, [Fantelope for Good](#) and [RCIII Studios](#).

All proceeds will go toward funding Phase 1 construction of Unity House (consisting of the foundation, core structure, and power). Additional crowdsourced fundraising will complete Phase 2 (the exterior + interior finishing) and Phase 3 (solar and rain harvesting systems and living roof). Fundraising progress will be shared on our [website](#).

[Link to Support](#)



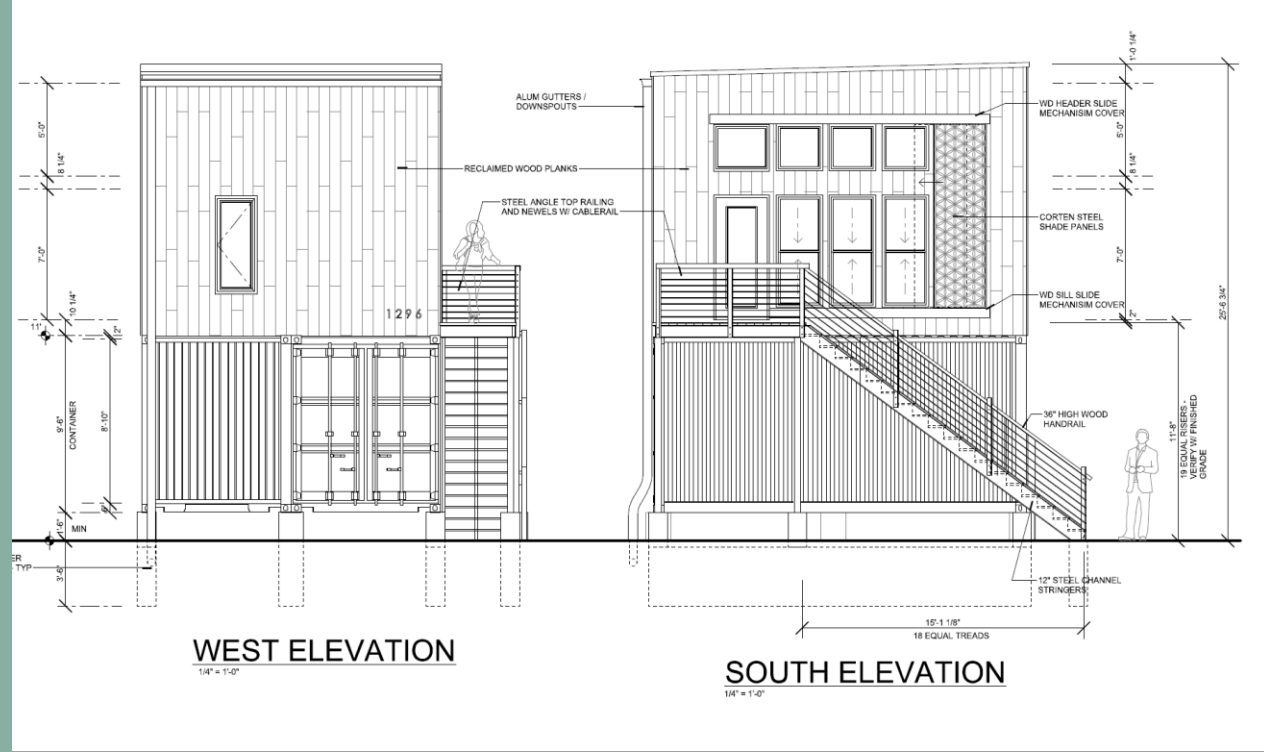
UNITY HOUSE UPDATE

Speaking of Unity House...our building permit has been approved! Given the unorthodox elements, including modular construction, rainwater/greywater systems, composting toilets, this is a significant milestone.

HUGE shoutout to D'Anna Associates for their incredible dedication to solving architectural + regulatory challenges and working tirelessly to provide more sustainable examples of construction to serve communities.

We plan to break-ground in Q3 and certify for occupancy by Q4. Follow our journey on our [website](#) and IG [@graftliving](#).

(Snippet from approved plans)



SUMMER SCHEDULE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

So far this year, we've taught alongside ~60 Detroit students and organized numerous volunteer days.



We still have many activities planned at Chavez Community Garden this Summer. Below are just 3 of many ways to get involve. Feel free to reach out [here](#) if you have any questions or ideas. RSVP below.

1. Permaculture Workshops

6-part "Ecological Gardener" series collab with [Garden Jujū Collective](#). These skilling workshops will be recorded & made available online.

2. Volunteer Saturdays

Our standing 9:30AM volunteer days. Come enjoy coffee & snacks while we cultivate toward the [permaculture food forest plan](#).

3. Detroit Youth Education Program

In partnership with [Urban Neighborhood Initiatives](#), we apply STEM to Environmentalism. Volunteer mentors welcome!

JUNE - AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						Permaculture Planting 9:30AM-12PM
					High School Program Rain Harvesting	#3 Cultivation 10AM-12PM
			High School Program Composting			Permaculture Planting 9:30AM-12PM
		4 th -5 th Grader Program Hybrid learning: STEM + Environmental Kits 2-4PM 7-weeks	4 th -5 th Grader Program Hybrid learning: STEM + Environmental Kits 2-4PM 7-weeks			#4 Pruning 10AM-12PM
						Planting & Furnishing 9:30AM-12PM

[RSVP](#)

- Workshops on-deck to be scheduled later this year:
- 2 more Permaculture Workshop
 - Earthen Oven
 - Sign-Making

Public-days will be capped and social-distancing guidelines will be maintained. Please RSVP so we have a headcount. Masks, sanitizer will be made available.

Schedule maintained @ [graftdetroit.org/connect/](#)

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Original Song

To extend our art-based projects, we have been awarded a grant from the Poetry Foundation. Two of our very own neighbor musicians are currently mentoring young artists through the creative process and releasing an original, uplifting piece (drop date TBD).

Michigan Science Center Collab

We have a couple of projects in the works with The Michigan Science Center this year, including leading a summer camp class and an exhibit on their activity floor. Stay tuned for more info & peep the shoutout on their ECHO live ([@4:40](#)).

Machine-Learning

Our team has been awarded a hardware grant from Nvidia to develop a machine-learning model for our Aquaponic Greenhouse system. As we progress, we will provide further details on the project and our southwest Detroit-raised, summer intern.



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