Hantz Farms

A cost effective approach to making Detroit neighborhoods more livable
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John Hantz

- Successful businessman
- 20 year Detroit resident
- CEO- Hantz Group
When You Look At Detroit What Do You See?
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John Hantz Sees Under-Managed Resources
John Hantz Sees Opportunity For Investment
John Hantz Sees Potential For More Livable Neighborhoods
Hantz Proposal To City Of Detroit

• Pay cash to purchase city’s liabilities
• Strengthen city’s tax base
• Reduce city’s operating costs
• Help reshape Detroit’s image in global market
Hantz Farms Deliverables

• Purchase several hundred, to several thousand acres of surplus property
• Mow vegetation regularly in-season
• Demolish at least 50 dangerous structures in first 2 years
• Promptly dispose of illegally dumped debris
• Plant at least 15,000 mixed hardwoods
Hantz Farms Footprint- Phase I
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• Purchase approximately 25% of neighborhood landscape
• Manage land around remaining residents
• Expand purchase over time so that blight does not re-emerge
• Select enterprises acceptable to neighbors
• Hire from local community
• Support other community improvement initiatives
Phase II

• Expand investment through purchase of additional 180 acres
• Diversify production
• Continue growing by demand over time
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• Our work is supported by a broad cross section of the population, including nearby residents, city officials, business leaders, and churches
• On May 16th we worked with 1,400 volunteers to plant and mulch 15,000 trees in two hours
Hantz Farms As Part Of Michigan Agriculture

• Member- Farm Bureau
• Platform For Research/Education/Tourism
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