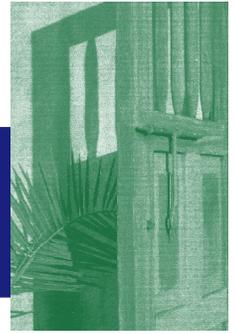
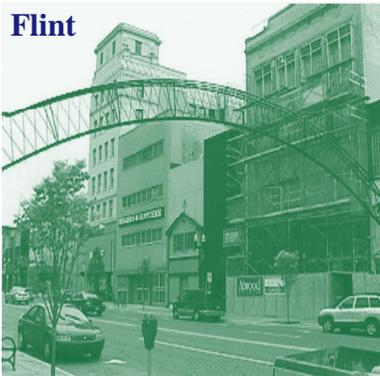


Cool Cities Projects Heat Up

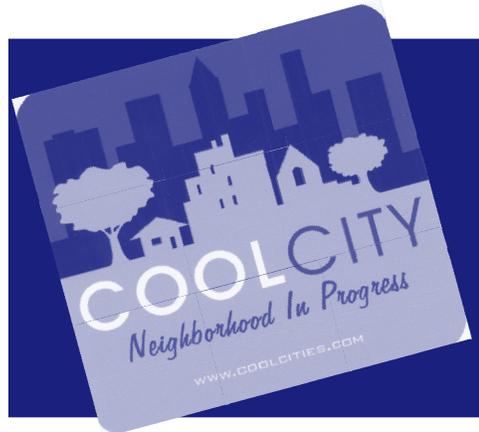


The Cool Cities Initiative was initiated by Governor Jennifer Granholm and is an unprecedented collaboration of several state agencies working together to capitalize upon the inherent strengths of Michigan Cities to be attractive places to live, work, and play. Twenty Michigan neighborhoods received Cool City grants for a variety of programs aimed at creating mixed-use mixed-income, high-density, pedestrian friendly neighborhoods. MSHDA is a lead agency for the initiative that will designate more Cool Cities neighborhoods over the next two years.

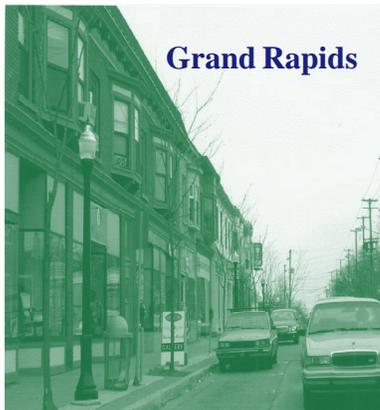
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In Flint, Michigan's Uptown Reinvestment Corporation project includes a First Street Lofts project, the designation of downtown Flint as an historic district, and the restoration of the Republic Bank building to create a 16-unit loft development.

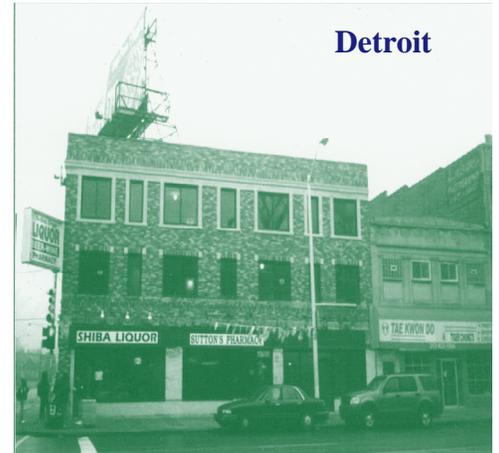


Grand Rapids



Grand Rapids's Uptown Revitalization project includes facade improvement for historic commercial structures. A new retail development will use state-of-the-art green technology compatible with historic district standards. Its wayfinding program is designed to improve walkability.

Detroit



Detroit Cool City designees included the historic Eastern Market with a reinvestment strategy put forth by the Greater Downtown Partnership. Jefferson East Business Association plans an entertainment and technology incubator, and the Southwest Detroit Business Association plans to renovate the Odd Fellows Hall Building.

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