

Chevy Commons Redevelopment

Chevy Commons Draft Site Design

The City of Flint and Genesee County Land Bank created a Site Design Plan for Chevy Commons [formerly Chevy in the Hole (CITH)]. This site design plan provides a "blueprint" to convert approximately 60-acres of the city-owned, former automobile manufacturing facility, into a natural area called *Chevy Commons*. The space will be redeveloped in phases to include open grasslands, woodlands, and wetlands interlaced with trails that will link to the surrounding institutions, neighborhoods, and regional trail network. The design detailed in the plan will serve as a guide for the development of phases as funding becomes available. The design is faithful to the goals and strategies identified by the City Master Plan.



The plan calls for the site to be capped with an attractive low-maintenance natural landscape intended to minimize maintenance and storm water management costs. Details on the first three proposed phases are included in the design plan.

The design work is funded by a US-EPA Brownfield Grant, managed by the Genesee County Land Bank. The grant and other direct funding by the US-EPA has enabled the City and Genesee County Land Bank to address immediate safety and environmental contamination concerns on the site and build the first phases of the green cap. The site design was prepared by landscape architects, engineers and environmental professionals with the guidance of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the US-EPA to create a safe place for the public to enjoy. Design specifications are currently being drafted and construction and remediation is scheduled to begin this fall.

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