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I would like to share with you news of \$5.2 million in grants approved by the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation. New grants will achieve:

- Critical research and binational collaboration with an emphasis on eliminating toxic algae in the Western Lake Erie Basin.
- Creation of a Great Lakes Bureau through Detroit Public Television and its partners.
- Incorporation of sustainability (triple bottom line) principles and practices into certain projects of the Motor City Match program.
- Fusion of academic research and other technical expertise with robust grassroots collaborations to advance public policy and environmental conditions to improve public health through the Detroit Environmental Agenda and through a new Air Quality Advisory Committee at the Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition.
- Transformation of two parks through resident-driven public art and sustainable landscaping: Grandmont Rosedale Community Development Corporation and artist Hubert Massey will oversee installation of seven community themed mosaics at Stoepel Park No. 1 in northwest Detroit, and Heritage Works, landscape architect Jeff Klein, Burton School and others will completely overhaul the pocket park at the intersection of Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks Boulevards in North Corktown to honor the principles for which King and Park stood and incorporate the cultural values of the neighborhood.
- Expanded residential participation in Detroit's curbside recycling program through robust city-wide education and outreach coordinated by Zero Waste Detroit and Green Living Science including the city's Public Works Department, its private waste haulers, the schools and the state's recycling initiative.

Additional grants will continue our previous support for four premier youth jazz education programs in Detroit, the city's largest urban garden network, the Lower Eastside Action Plan and the Detroit Zoo's development of an anaerobic biodigester to convert animal waste into energy and compost.

Please click [here](#) for our complete grants list.

The Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation's mission is to nurture environmentally healthy and culturally vibrant communities in metro Detroit, consistent with sustainable business models, and support initiatives to restore the Great Lakes Ecosystem. The Foundation is focused on improving water quality, especially in the watersheds impacting metro Detroit and Bayfield, Ontario; promoting environmental health, justice and sustainable development; and supporting the arts as a means to strengthen the metropolitan Detroit region. For more information, please visit erbff.org

Thank you for your continuing interest,

John M. Erb, President