Executive Summary

The majority of my work concentrated upon creating an urban design plan for the Corktown Consumer Housing Cooperative's target area, Area C. Area C is bounded by Michigan Ave. to the north, Bagley Ave. to the south, Rosa Parks to the east, and 15th St. to the west. Within this area, I compiled information concerning infill housing, housing conditions, street conditions, open spaces and parks, and vacant and underutilized facilities. From this information collected with in the first few weeks, I created a map, or physical design plan, showing the results of each of the surveys I conducted.

In the weeks that followed the finalization of the urban design plan, I used the data collected to complete various related projects. I worked on creating new Zoning and Land Use maps for Area C and began the process for changing the existing Zoning with the City. I also used the initial design plan to organize information for writing a proposal to have Area C designated as a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone. I then wrote a proposal to the city requesting that an underutilized park be made available for infill housing. And with the information collected in the tree survey, I helped plan the locations of the new trees to be planted in Corktown.

The remainder of my work focused around finding information on the ownership of property in Area C, and checking on zoning and parking enforcement concerning the Checker Cab Company that operates in the neighborhood.

The following pages describe, in detail, the work I have completed through my internship with Corktown Consumer Housing Cooperative. I have included how I approached each project and the steps I took to complete each task. The last section of this report I have reserved for my conclusion and personal reflection on the internship. A copy of each project and a copy of my resume have also been included in the appendix as a reference.