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AMERICORPS CLIMATE R.E.A.D.Y.

Wayne State University - Center for Urban Studies

Happy Spring from Climate R.E.A.D.Y!

This February the Climate READY team took advantage of the warm February by completing 8 interventions, 12 walkthroughs, and distributing almost 3000 flyers. The highlight of the month was being able to tackle multiple interventions throughout the day with the warm weather! Above the Climate READY team is pictured with one of the residents we provided interventions for this month. We are looking forward to celebrating AmeriCorps Week March 10-16th so please celebrate with us on our social media as we continue AmeriCorps' 30th Anniversary Celebration!

Get Involved

Urban climate change is affecting the city of Detroit in major ways.

Support the residents of Detroit in making their homes and neighborhoods more resilient to the effects of climate change!

Learn more about how you can join our team by visiting our website: americorpsclimateready.com



Live in 48215?

Determine your eligibility for the services provided by the Center for Urban Studies by completing our thorough Total Home Safety Assessment.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

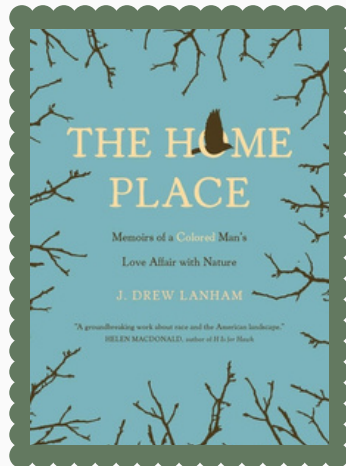
Detroit Water & Sewage Department Backup Protection Program

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If you have worked with us and requested assistance with a sump pump or backflow preventer, you will be forwarded to the City of Detroit Residential Basement Backup Protection Program. This program is designed to help Detroiters prevent sewage backups and flooding in their basements, and is now moving into a phase where its jurisdiction includes Jefferson-Chalmers. [Here](#) is additional information about the program; they are expanding their budget to up to 18,000 per household!

Spring Reading by Black Authors

In Honor of Black History month & spring, the climate ready team has compiled a reading list of Black nature centered books



Soil, by Camille T. Dungy is about the author's experience diversifying the species of plants in her garden while living in a predominantly white Colorado neighborhood. Next, we have *The Home Place* by J. Drew Lanham, a collection of memoirs about his life experience as an ecologist, conservationist and birder living in South Carolina.



Black Flora by Teresa J. Speight is another interesting read about the lives of 23 black flower farmers and florists and how they navigate a white-centered industry. And if you are looking for a family-friendly story to read with children, look no further than *The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver*. Gene Barretta outlines young Carver's pursuit of growing a secret garden in the face of scorn from others who looked down upon gardens that did not grow food.