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James Gignac and Edyta Sitko from the Union of Concerned Scientist, along with longtime activist, Highland Parker and Soulardarity member, Gracie Wooten paid a visit to Parker Village recently.

It was the first time that James and Edyta had physically seen the campus, though they had worked on the modeling for the planned Microgrid at PV for months, along with their colleague, Youngsun Baek.

You can read their report on the UCS Blog here...

<https://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/designing-neighborhood-microgrid.pdf>

Parker Village continues to not only serve the community in various capacities and as a member of the HPC3 steering committee

[<https://www.hpcrisiscoalition.org>], Justice 40 Initiative

[<https://www.energy.gov/diversity/justice40-initiative>] and the Community's LEAP program [<https://www.energy.gov/communitiesLEAP/communities-leap>] in fighting for energy independence in the 2.9 square mile city.

Parker Village along with it's Co-conspirators, Soulardarity and Avalon Village, Led by the incomparable Shamayim "Mama Shu" Harris, continue to innovate and "bootstrap" develop their respective neighborhoods.

Get up to speed on these groups by checking their websites or attending one of the many events hosted by the organizations.

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HIGHLAND PARK VISION

The Concept for Parker Village took flight in October of 2015, when the first property was purchased. The 43,000 sq ft. former Thompson Elementary School in Highland Park. 5 other properties quickly joined the portfolio, adding 10 potential new residences to the Smart Neighborhood development. Soon after we began working with world-renowned Architect, Paul Bierman-Lytle on the initial renderings for the campus and the Smart-neighborhood. In 2018, we installed the first solar smart streetlight in the midwest, signaling the change and rejuvenation to come.

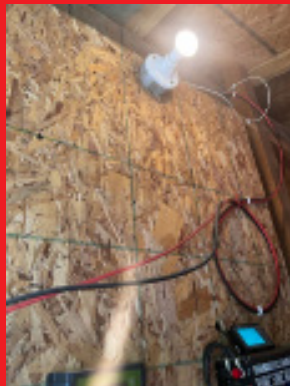
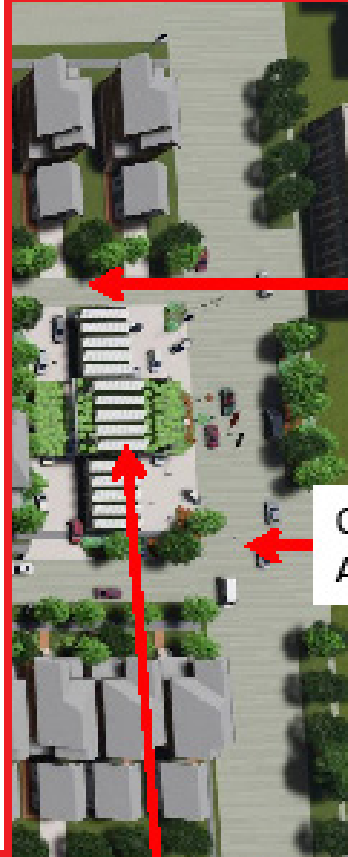
In 2019, our second solar installation, a water and power shed was built. A commissioned mural by artist, Waleed Johnson with support from Art-ops, A non-profit organization supporting the arts in the city of Highland Park, was added to the structure and unveiled to the media, the community, and city officials.

In 2021, 5 more streetlights along with Wi-Fi capability created a Mesh net where visitors can access the internet.

A Farmer's market was started and offered fresh produce to the community and provided veggies to the Say Detroit Clinic's, Farm to clinic to patient program

The Shed was built as a joint project with Soulardarity, Ryter Cooperative Industries, Appropriate Technology Corp, and students from the Black Caucus Foundation. 2020 saw the installation of our Solar Pergola that will power our off-grid healthy-choice cafe. This will be the first stand-alone solar cafe in the United States. Other improvements to the campus include landscaping, signage, the beginning rehab of our first single-family energy-efficient home, and the demolition of another property that will become an energy-efficient 4 unit apartment.

The Shed recently went through some upgrades with a new Renogy Battery and Battery Monitor, GFCI Plugs and wiring installed by Megawerks Electrical. Weatherproof siding was also added. Thanks to our generous funders on our IOBY fundraise campaign for spring planting and infrastructure build. Thanks to GLREA, Jackson Koeppel, Stacy Grant Emily & Tracy Kimbrough, Glenda McDonald, Tom Labonty, Blake Milnes, Maurice Turner, Rafael Mojica and our much appreciated Anonymous donors! Check out the in progress pics below:



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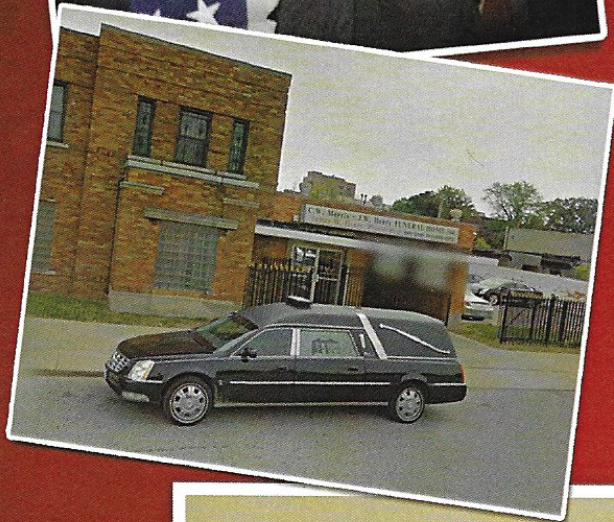


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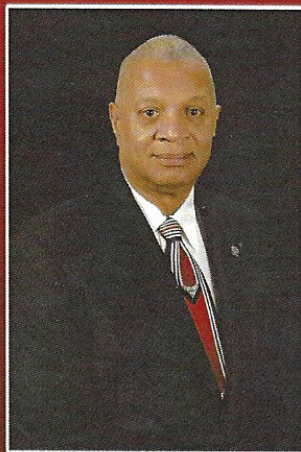
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