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Wayne-Westland School Students Help Rehab Vacant Homes in Partnership with The City of Westland



Westland, Michigan (May 23, 2022) - The City of Westland and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools District are celebrating the 10th anniversary of their joint initiative, the Building Trades partnership. Originally launched in 2010, the Building Trades program allows for the removal of vacant, blighted properties and transforms them into new homes.

funds from the HOME Partnership Program and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools provides labor through the William D. Ford Career Technical Center's Construction Technology Program.

In 2019, the City and WWCSD kicked off the 10th anniversary celebration with the wall raising of a house on Schuman Street. Despite challenges due to COVID, students in the Construction Technology Program were able to complete the house during the 2020-21

school year and it sold to a first-time homebuyer.

Now, under the partnership, a home located at 1612 Beatrice Street is the latest site for renovation. The house will be sold to a first-time homebuyer with an asking price of more than \$200,000.

The Building Trades Program allows for the economic stimulation by creating new homeowners and adding to the tax base. For students, it provides the opportunity to learn a skilled trade. Since its approval in 2010, the partnership has resulted in the new construction of eleven houses in the All American City.

"The partnership between the City of Westland and Wayne Westland Community Schools has been a longstanding and beneficial collaboration serving both the students and the community. We look forward to continuing the partnership and growing the All American City," said Mayor William R. Wild.

"This partnership is an amazing opportunity for the students in the Construction Technology Program to not only learn a skilled trade that can evolve into a lifelong career, but also positively impact their community in a way that will give families lasting memories. I am proud of the students and our commitment to building a better community," said John Dignan, Superintendent of WWCSD.

The partnership received the Excellence in Practice award from the Michigan State Board of Education to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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The City of Westland, Michigan's 10th largest city, has a population of more than 85,000 residents and is located in western Wayne County; just minutes from downtown Detroit, 2 airports and major freeways. The City of Westland's Executive Branch is led by full-time Mayor William R. Wild, who was just re-elected to serve a four-year term in 2022. First elected in 2007, Mayor Wild is the City's longest serving Mayor. The Legislative Branch consists of seven City Council members.