



Walking Distance

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"The I-94 Industrial Park Renaissance Zone is 289.6 acres. The Industrial Park, Phase 1, located inside the Renaissance Zone, is comprised of 189 acres. Up to 153 acres of Phase 1 are buildable. The property is approximately 2,500 feet by 2,500 feet. The property is an irregular square shape. The land is flat. There are no wetlands on the site. The site is not within a flood hazard."

Excerpt from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's online I-94 Industrial Park Detail PDF

Over the last 10 years I have watched street after street of this neighborhood become abandoned, torn down, and blocked off by concrete barricades. The last residents moved out, their houses and the surrounding burnt ones were demolished; the haunted church on St. Cyril was scrapped to the point of collapse; the vacant streets became dumping grounds, which brought on the concrete roadblocks; the trees were torn out, to appease potential builders; finally Cooper school on Georgia was closed and scrapped clean. But the sale of the land has been slow going. Aside from the massive complexes along Huber, most of the area still sits vacant. Hundreds of uprooted trees lie in massive piles. Random mounds of earth and demolished debris have overgrown with grasses and wildflowers. Flooded streets have become marshlands and swamps. Wildlife abounds: pheasants, rabbits, foxes, snakes, frogs, hawks, and numerous birds, along with stray cats or dogs, can all be found here. The I-94 Industrial Park Renaissance Zone has inadvertently become one of the most topographically natural areas of Detroit.



South from Marcus Mound (2009)



Concord Swamp, Spring (2009)



West from Marcus Mound (2009)



Majorie East, Spring (2009)



Concord Swamp Swift (2009)



Winfield South, Spring (2009)