



Healthy buildings, healthy environment

## THIRD NEW HOPE

Community Care Network  
“Sustainable Community Housing Initiative”

**Concept: Provide transitional housing through the Third New Hope Community Care Network to the community at large.**

- Short term, secure housing, is a need of the communities in which the Third New Hope Community Care Network serves. During the process of intake and resource allocation, we would like to be able to offer those participants of the TTS program with a transitional housing option as the need is identified. Providing short-term housing will allow the participants to focus on getting access to needed services like healthcare, education, jobs training and placement while alleviating the burden of where they will live in the foreseeable future.
- Housing will be built to energy and water efficient standards (like Passive House principles), as well as considering the environmental impacts to the community (like EcoDistricts protocol), while examining the long-term health impacts and economic development opportunities for the residents.
- Community resilience is at the core of all decisions related to the short and long term planning of this initiative.

### **Guiding Principles:**

- Poverty is not a life choice.
- Sustainability is an organizing model.
- Environment, education, empowerment, and economy: does our change lead to replenishing the resources we've used.
- Self-sufficiency

### **Big Ideas:**

- Build a series of resource efficient, transitional houses on the property adjacent to the Third New Hope Baptist Church, 12850 N. Plymouth Road. The Church already owns this property. The cost related to the project would be for development of housing. Goals: provide a short-term secure environment with which occupants can get back on their feet to move forward to self-sufficiency.
- Secure two additional blocks surrounding the Church, and develop out all three blocks within the initiative. The block across from the Church houses the abandoned Parker Elementary School. The school property and existing historic building could be repurposed to serve as a Community Resource Center—housing the Third New Hope Community Care Network and Transition to Success. A park could also share this property helping to curtail issues of storm water runoff, urban flooding, and urban heat island. The third block could be rebuilt and revitalized to house mixed-use residential units—promoting both home ownership and economic development for the area. (Encompassing the Church, bordered: north by Wadsworth, south by Plymouth, east by Appoline and west by Sorrento. Across the street from the Church: north by Plymouth, south by Elmira, east by Myers and west by Iris.)
- Establish a micro-grid to service the three blocks in the community, establishing a resilient energy resource.
- Develop all ground level properties to be storm water efficient by introducing green infrastructure to existing streetscapes and existing buildings as applicable.
- Train the workforce of the future in related green technologies: solar, urban storm water landscaping, urban farming, energy efficiency upgrades, building renovation and retrofit.

### **Funding:**

- Consider what private foundations might be willing to fund: Erb, Skillman, Kresge, CFSEM
- Examine financing options like PACE (property assessed commercial energy), Green Bonds, tax credits, PPA
- CDFR of Michigan
- Green mortgage companies who offer low-interest funding.
- Corporate partners, who have a vested interest in promotion of positive, healthy, secure communities.