



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Executive Action Summary

Budget & Finance-Attachment 4

**APPROVED**  
**JUNE 13, 2025**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Committee Name** Budget & Finance

**Date** June 13, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Purchase of Land - 16745 Lamphere, Detroit

**Information**

**Review**

**Action**

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby authorizes the Administration to purchase approximately 3.3 acres of land located at 16745 Lamphere, Detroit, Michigan, upon such terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the President or President’s designee.

**Recommendation:**

The Trustee Committee on Budget & Finance recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the purchase of land at 16745 Lamphere, Detroit, Michigan, currently being used for MSU’s first and only urban agriculture center titled the Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning, and Innovation. The land consists of several structures, including a learning center, green house, storage shed, pizza oven, and wheelchair accessible raised planting beds.

**Prior Action by BOT:** 20-year Lease approved by the BOT in October 2016

**Responsible Officers:** Daniel Bollman, Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Facilities  
Barbara Kranz, Assistant Provost, Institutional Space Planning and Management

**Summary:**

16745 Lamphere, Detroit, Michigan would be purchased for an agreed upon purchase price of \$50,000.

**Background Information:**

This property formerly housed a Detroit Public School and was razed to make way for the Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning, and Innovation (DPFLI), which began operations in 2017. Since then, DPFLI has developed the site with several structures, including a storage shed, a learning center, and other infrastructure supporting its mission. Currently, the property is not owned by Michigan State University, which limits DPFLI’s ability to secure long-term investments. Without ownership, DPFLI must rely on lease extensions from the City of Detroit, which are not guaranteed. This uncertainty hinders strategic planning and future development.

Ownership would allow DPFLI to apply for grant funding and seek additional philanthropic gifts, expanding its financial resources. MSU has already invested over \$1,500,000 into the property. Ownership would protect this investment and

ensure its continued benefit to the community. DPFLI has plans for additional investments over the next 10 years. These plans are contingent on property ownership, which provides the stability needed for long-term growth. Acquiring the property would demonstrate MSU's commitment to the Detroit community and the DPFLI program, reinforcing trust and partnership.

**Source of Funds:**

Gifts to MSU Extension for the Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning and Innovation.

**Resource Impact:**

MSU's lack of ownership leads to a loss of authority over the parcel, limiting DPFLI's ability to expand or improve the site. Potential denial of future lease extensions by the City of Detroit impedes future planning. Lack of MSU ownership lends to the perception of MSU's lack of commitment to the community and the program. MSU not owning the property jeopardizes future investments and the sustainability of the program.

PURCHASE

# 16745 Lamphere, Detroit, Michigan Vacant Land

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