

The image is a collage-style illustration on a textured, light-brown paper background. It features a central street scene with brick buildings and streetlights. Overlaid on this scene are vibrant green vines with large, heart-shaped leaves and glowing golden circuitry lines that trace the paths of the vines and buildings. The overall aesthetic is a blend of nature and technology.

The Historical Future of the North End

A Roadmap for Our
Community Leaders

An Explainer & Timeline: 2012 – 2027

What We Are Building: Agri-Culture



We are mixing two powerful forces: Agriculture (growing food) and Culture (art and technology). We call it Agri-Culture. We are not just building shops. We are building a place where neighbors can grow food, make art, and learn new technology together.

“The Garden that Grew Motown is now growing the future.”

Who Is Making It Happen?

The Heart: OAUF (Oakland Avenue Urban Farm)

Growing food, holding the land, and keeping the neighborhood fed.

The Brain: Red Door Digital & Tinker Labs

The tech hub. Providing 3D printing, graphic design, and teaching digital skills.

The Community

The Soul: OAAC (Oakland Avenue Artists Coalition)

Artists, culture-keepers, and neighbors telling our story.

The Anchor: NECCIDC & Black Bottom Garden Center

Providing the space, the buildings, and the business structure.

We Do Place-Keeping, Not Just Place-Making



Many developers do “place-making”—building new things for new people.

We do Place-Keeping.

- ✓ • We keep the history and the stories.
- ✓ • We keep the current neighbors right here.
- ✓ • We fix up old buildings so they work for us.
- ✓ • We ensure the money stays in the North End.

We are the Culture Keepers.

The Centerpiece: The Wintergarten

A Community Power Building that works all year round.

It Grows Food

Fresh vegetables and herbs, even in December.

It Grows Ideas

A broadcast hub for media, storytelling, and "Greenhouse Conversations."

It Grows Skills

A Maker Space for 3D printing, repair, and robotics.

It Generates Power

Solar panels and rainwater harvesting make it resilient.



Phase 1: Putting Down Roots (2012–2023)



2023: The “Community Power Building” Working Group convenes to plan the future.

2019: The first “North End Design Month Block Party” celebrates design in the neighborhood.

2013: The Oakland Avenue Artists Coalition (OAAC) forms to give residents a voice in planning.

2012: Neighbors start gathering. The “Hip n Zen” home becomes a creative incubator and meeting spot.

Phase 2: Planting the Seeds (2024)



Phase 3: Sprouting (2025)



Spring 2025: The Wintergarten/Makerspace is ready for critique at the Automate Conference.

June 2025: We renew our promises (MOUs) to keep working together.

September 2025: “Motown Masala”—The major public launch during the Design Festival.

October 2025: “Greenhouse Conversations” and workshops (like the Rocket Stove Workshop) begin.

Phase 4: Full Bloom (2026-2027)



- **February 2026:** Black Bottom Garden Center re-opens fully to the public.
- **Early 2026:** We explore new funding to keep the lights on and programs running sustainably.
- **September 1, 2027:** A Major Victory—We pay off the final land contract for 'The Row' (8346 Oakland).

The Result: The land officially belongs to the Community Land Trust. It stays ours forever.

Powering the Community: The Tech Layer

Building digital tools to stay connected and independent.

Grapevine.io

Our own platform to talk to each other and share news.

Micro-Data Center

A safe place to keep our digital history, right here in the neighborhood.



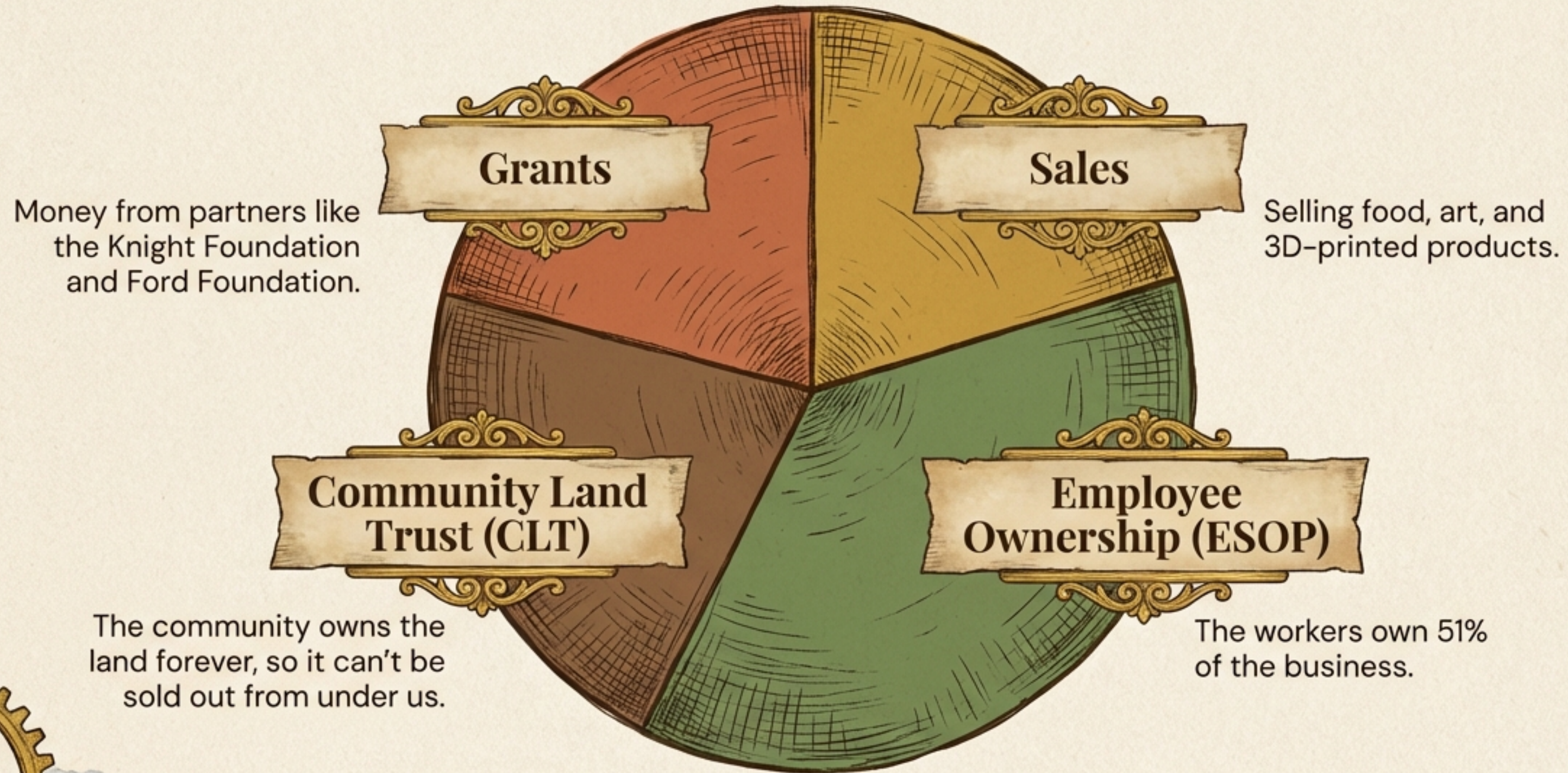
Solar Power

Using EcoFlow generators and panels to make our own electricity.

The Lab

Stocked with 3D printers, Raspberry Pi computers, and laser cutters for the kids.

How We Pay For It & Who Owns It



A Community of Communities



We prioritize those who have been here the longest.

What We Are Working On Now

To-Do

- Water & Bathrooms**
Connecting plumbing so the greenhouse is comfortable for everyone.

- Accessibility**
Building gravel paths and ramps using reclaimed lumber so wheelchairs can go everywhere.

- Energy**
Installing solar exhaust fans and grow lights.

- Safety**
Setting up security cameras and fencing with our neighbors.

The Vision: The Historical Future



Storefront Diorama

Imagine a street with businesses that residents actually want. They are not corporate chains. They are owned by neighbors. They sell things made in the North End.

"We show the world how we use our imaginations."

Let's Go On A Community Date



We invite you to come see the Historical Future for yourself.

- Visit: Come to the Oakland Avenue Urban Farm.
- Engage: Join a "Bubble Day" or a design workshop.
- Support: Help us secure the resources to finish the Wintergarten.

We can show you better than we can tell you.