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As Detroit continues its evolution as a new city for the new millennium, it has undertaken one of the greatest revitalization efforts in American history. In achieving its goals, Detroit's development priorities center around increasing jobs, improving housing, and providing Detroiters with better opportunities for recreation. One of our most important aims is to improve the quality of life for all Detroiters.

Our commitment to improving the quality of life in Detroit is evidenced by the numerous parks and recreational facilities that grace our city. Detroit is currently home to over 6000 acres of parkland. As always, we welcome input from all of our citizens and from various regional stakeholders as we work to turn our city into an even more attractive place to reside or to visit. We follow with interest the proposal of the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) to place a Metropark within the Detroit city limits.

As we consider the HCMA's proposal, we will remain committed to the interests of the people who call Detroit home. While Detroiters are eager to cooperate with regional entities and to draw on the expertise and resources of potential partners such as the HCMA, the city will only do so when it enhances our on-going development efforts. The city looks forward to evaluating the different proposals and partnerships that have been put forward by the HCMA, but our top priority remains the preservation of our existing parklands.