

A place in Detroit to work with machines.

A short plan for an open neighborhood building — robots, AI practice, classes, and pathways into work.

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Robots and AI in a public building.

FutureWorks is a planned neighborhood center in Detroit — an open floor where people can use humanoid robots and AI tools, take classes, and move toward jobs or ventures.

On the floor: hardware to touch, program, and repair — not display behind glass. Open doors for youth, adults, seniors, job-seekers, and founders. Clear next steps from lab to course to cohort to work.

Downtown investment. Neighborhood access still thin.

Michigan Central, the U-M Center for Innovation, TechTown, and a large Gilbert and Rocket commitment sit within a few square miles. Much of that work is degree-gated or built for software.

There is still no open, all-ages place to work with humanoid robots and serious AI tools. FutureWorks is meant to close that gap with a neighborhood flagship and, later, a possible Michigan Central satellite.

One building. Six zones.



01 The Floor

Open robotics bay for humanoids and related hardware.



02 Inference Lab

Local compute for models, demos, and training.



03 The Studio

A quiet room to record and share what people build.



04 Classrooms

Foundations courses and cohort sessions.



05 The Commons

Talks, office hours, and neighborhood events.



06 Launch Bay

Bench space for ventures leaving with a product or pitch.

Free to walk in. Steps that lead out to work.

Open Lab — drop-in, free. Foundations — free courses. Intensive cohorts — stipended where funding allows. Workforce tracks — publicly funded pathways. Then a job or venture into Detroit's economy.

Teaching stays practical. Need-based stipends help people show up. All ages and starting points are welcome; no degree is required to enter.

Year-three aims.

Targets we aim to show by year three (not guarantees): 8,000+ annual visitors; 1,800+ learners enrolled; 75,000+ hands-on training hours; 600+ certifications earned; 25+ ventures launched; roughly 31% self-generated revenue.

Peer programs suggest strong placement and starting-pay benchmarks when pathways are real — roughly 80% job placement and about \$44,000 average starting pay in comparable tracks.

What we need to open.

\$1.5M+

A lead commitment to open the capital campaign.

2-3 partners

Founding corporate and hardware partners — naming rooms.

A site

Neighborhood flagship, plus a Michigan Central satellite.

Pilot

Approval to run a short proof of demand.

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