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President and CEO, Warren/Conner Development Coalition dba Eastside Community Network

Eastside Community Network addresses everything from youth and economic development to wellness and climate health equity. Work surrounding sustainability increased there when Donna Givens Davidson joined the organization in 2016. She secured more than \$2 million in funding to support sustainability interventions, conducted

sustainability-related tours and built partnerships with sustainability leaders.

“As president and CEO of the Eastside Community Network, Donna Givens Davidson has championed equitable, sustainable development as the key to the future of the city, especially Detroit’s lower eastside, by engaging and empowering residents to help advance this change,” said Jodee Fishman Raines, COO of New Detroit Inc. “She has also lifted Detroit as a national model, gaining recognition from the EPA and Columbia University’s Sustainability Management program.”

Under Davidson’s direction, ECN is working toward retrofitting its headquarters with green infrastructures, such as solar energy and an electric boiler, to operate as a resilience hub that educates and supports residents. ECN, which launched a sustainability fellowship three years ago to train community leaders, is part of the Kresge Climate Health Equity initiative and a Partnership for Resilient Communities member.

The following article is an excerpt from the Crain’s Detroit Business **Notable Leaders In Sustainability** edition.

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