

## **Conclusion**

The process of using neighborhood indicators to promote community change takes two principal forms. Efficient use of neighborhood-level information meets the needs of the city administration by accurately anticipating changing neighborhood conditions and informing subsequent funding distribution. Public availability of this information, along with ongoing participatory initiatives, provides other players in the community development process with an appropriately scaled and continually updated data resource. Within the proposed plan, the Early Detection System permits the City of Detroit to predict and forestall neighborhood decline, and the Community Empowerment System functions as a conduit between neighborhood data and those who need access to it, such as SDBA. Supported by the data warehouse, these two system elements work in tandem to provide both the city and its residents with a more accurate picture of Detroit's neighborhoods.