

Ford Site Jobs Strategy Workgroup

Collaborate with key economic development partners and Ford to identify best job and industry types to target for recruitment to the Ford site redevelopment, based on the site's amenities and constraints, as identified in the Ford Site Green Manufacturing Reuse Study and in consideration of emerging employment leaders in key regional industry sectors.

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Key Tasks:

- Meet monthly to identify and evaluate potential employment sectors for the Ford site
- Preview and solicit input on proposed employment sectors for consideration at the Ford site at public meeting - July 2015
- Report on recommended employment types for the Ford site and next steps on potential job recruitment and outreach – Fall 2015