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Many things are going on in our City -- so many that it is sometimes difficult to keep up with all of them, even if government is your daily business. I would like to review some of them today and keep you up to the minute on Detroit's progress and Detroit's future.

Let's talk first about the physical assets of Detroit and what we are doing through URBAN RENEWAL to make Detroit a better place to live.

(OUTLINE)

URBAN RENEWAL: Twenty-one redevelopment projects underway, including residential developments, such as Lafayette Park; light industry, such as Corktown; and medical facilities in the Medical Center. It now appears that the exciting International Village will soon be rising where Skid Row once stood.

In addition, there are eight neighborhood conservation projects. A total of 7,501 acres of the City -- an area far larger than Highland Park and Hamtramck combined -- is being reclaimed through clearance or conservation. (1,589 acres clearance and redevelopment, 557 in Federally-assisted conservation, and 5,355 acres in conservation by the City without assistance).

New projects being pushed include Research Park, a wholesale distribution center at Eastern Market, the Elmwood residential development on the near East Side, an expansion of the Corktown industrial project, and the creation of a University City near Wayne State University. We are also considering renewing a key part of downtown Detroit by changing the face of Campus Martius.