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Biographical Profile

Karen DuPerry is the General Motor's project manager who coordinated the efforts of the East Riverfront Study Group. Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick announced the study group in September of 2002. The study group had a 90-day charge to create a vision for the area bounded by Jefferson and the Detroit River, east of Joe Louis arena to the McArthur Bridge. The study area encompasses approximately 350 acres. The committee members include representatives from the City, State, Federal government, as well as private property owners, the philanthropic and corporate communities.

In December of 2002, Mayor Kilpatrick announced the results from the study group. Commitments of \$500 million in investment and a vision were unveiled. The group has since formed into a 501c3 organization called the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy.

DuPerry who is on loan to the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy officially works for the newly created organization within GM called Economic Development and Enterprise Services which will focus on aligning GM's economic development plans with the interests of the communities in which GM operates. The organization consists of Worldwide Real Estate, Strategic Planning, Real and Personal Property Tax, and Global Security.

DuPerry joined GM in 1983 as an architectural designer in the Design Department for Argonaut AEC. During her 11-year assignment she developed corporate space standards, redeveloped the Truck Product Center in Pontiac and coordinated a master plan for the General Motors Technical Center in Warren, Michigan. Upon returning from a two-year overseas sabbatical she joined the Real Estate Group. Within the Real Estate Group she reports to the Asset Management Department, which is responsible for corporate re-developments and disposal of surplus properties.

DuPerry a Detroit Native. She is a graduate of the Detroit Public School system, University of Michigan (BS in Architecture, 1981) and the University of Michigan (Master of Architecture, 1983). She is married to Andre DuPerry and has two sons (Imani and Kahlil).