Multimedia Library Collection: Environmental Film Profiles (videos)

Detropia

Ewing, Heidi and Grady, Rachel. *Detropia*. United States: Loki Films, 2012. HD, 74 min. https://vimeo.com/45929284.

> Detroit's story has encapsulated the iconic narrative of America over the last century—the Great Migration of African Americans escaping Jim Crow; the rise of manufacturing and the middle class; the love affair with automobiles; the flowering of the American dream; and now...the collapse of the economy and the fading American mythos. With a vivid palette and haunting score, *Detropia* sculpts a dreamlike collage of a grand city teetering on the brink of dissolution. As houses are demolished by the thousands, automobile-company wages plummet, institutions crumble, and tourists gawk at the 'charming decay,' the film's vibrant, gutsy characters glow and erupt like flames from the ashes. These soulful pragmatists and stalwart philosophers strive to make ends meet and make sense of it all, refusing to abandon hope or resistance. Their grit and pluck embody the spirit of the Motor City as it struggles to survive postindustrial America and begins to envision a radically different future. (Source: Official Film Website)

© 2012 Loki Films. Film used with permission.

This film is available at the Rachel Carson Center Library (RCC, 4th floor, Leopoldstrasse 11a, 80802 Munich) for on-site viewing only. For more information, please contact library@rcc.lmu.de.

About the Environmental Film Profiles collection

Further readings:

- Sugrue, Thomas J. *The Origins of The Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit.* New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1996.

Related links:

- Detroit Historical Society
  http://detroithistorical.org/

- Marchand Meffre. “The Ruins of Detroit.” (Photo Exhibition)
  http://www.marchandmeffre.com/detroit
- Detroit Wild City (Film Profile)
  https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/detroit-wild-city
- We Are Not Ghosts (Film Profile)
  https://www.environmentandsociety.org/node/7277

Websites linked in this text:

- http://www.detropiathefilm.com/synopsis.html
- http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/index.html
- https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project