# WALUP UPDATE DEC 2019

The Harbor District Water and Land Use Plan (WaLUP) was completed at the end of 2017 after a two-year public planning process and adopted by the City of Milwaukee in early 2018. In the almost two years since then significant progress has been made on many of the recommendations in the plan. The following two-page update highlights some of the key developments and initiatives.

A more complete and detailed implementation guide and the full WaLUP plan can be found at **harbordistrict.org/plan**. For questions or comments, please email **info@harbordistrict.org**.

## Riverwalk

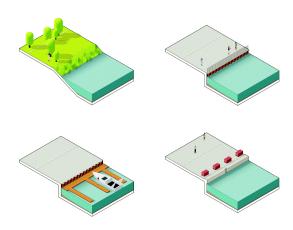
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The most popular idea in the WaLUP was the concept of extending Milwaukee's Riverwalk from the north end of Walker's Point through the Harbor District to the Kinnickinnic River near Bay View. The first important step in that process took place in late 2018 when the City of Milwaukee adopted the Harbor District Riverwalk Overlay Zone, ensuring that all new developments on waterfront properties must include a public Riverwalk section. The first section of Riverwalk is under construction now as part of the Michels Corporation's R1VER development at 1st & Becher. The City of Milwaukee expects to complete detailed design standards for the Riverwalk in early 2020. For more Riverwalk info visit harbordistrict.org/projects/harborwalk.

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### Parks, Open Space, and Recreation

#### Land Use and Development



Renderings by Site Design showing various conceptual Riverwalk cross sections in the Harbor District.





*Photo by Rockwell Automation of the Harbor View Plaza grand opening.* 

The WaLUP calls for new waterfront parks that provide opportunities for people to connect to the water and recreate. In July 2019, with the support of many funders and partners, HDI opened Harbor View Plaza at the east end of Greenfield Avenue. This new \$1.5 million waterfront park includes the District's first kayak launch, a water feature, a water play area, a shipping container play structure, and plenty of space to sit and watch the ships at Jones Island. Be sure to visit Harbor View Plaza for the full experience and learn more at harbordistrict.org/projects/ harbor-view-plaza.

## **Habitat Hotels**

In partnership with the UWM School of Freshwater Sciences, the Harbor District has installed 36 habitat hotels on 4 different properties across the Harbor District. These small-scalle habitat improvements provide much-needed aquatic plants in the harsh environment of a sheet-metal dockwall urban harbor, making it easier for fish to travel between our rivers and Lake Michigan. For more information on this program visit harbordistrict.org/ projects/habitat-hotels.

A yearling Perch visits a habitat hotel with lily pad stems growing from it.



#### Land Use and Development

## Komatsu Mining Co.



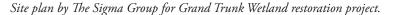
Rendering by Eppstein Uhen Architects showing Komatsu Mining Co's planned North American headquarters and manufacturing facility.

## **Grand Trunk Wetland**

Environmental cleanup and remediation of the former Solvay Coke & Gas Co. site is underway and expected complete in early 2020. The site will be combined with the City-owned former coal storage site at 401 E. Greenfield Ave. for the future home of Komatsu Mining's North American headquarters and manufacturing facility. Construction on the \$285 million development is expected to begin in spring 2020 and will house over 600 jobs when complete. The project includes 3/4 of a mile of new public Riverwalk along the waterfront, beginning at Harbor View Plaza and extending south to Kinnickinnic Ave. A public planning and design process for this Riverwalk section will begin in spring 2020.

#### Habitat and Ecology

The City of Milwaukee received a \$3 million grant from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to restore the Grand Trunk Wetland, the last remaining wetland in the Harbor District. After finalizing plans to manage contaminated soil on the site, they expect to begin construction on this project in mid-2020. More info available at city.milwaukee.gov/AreaPlans/Southeast/GrandTrunk.





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## **R1VER**



The Michels' Corporation is redeveloping the former Horny Goat Brewery site into a \$100 million mixed-use campus that will include commercial office, apartments, retail, a hotel, and the first section of public Riverwalk in the Harbor District. Construction is underway with phase 1 expected complete in late 2020/early 2021. For more info on the development visit **www.r1vermke.com**.

Rendering by RINKA of the R1VER development along the Kinnickinnic River.