Creating a Working Waterfront for the 21st Century

The Harbor District has been at the center of our region’s prosperity for hundreds of years—first as a rice marsh with plentiful fish and game, then as an economic hub that served industries throughout the state. Now, much of its land sits abandoned or in disrepair, its waterways are polluted, but its potential is immense.

The Harbor District Initiative brings together local, state, and federal government efforts, private sector interests, and community enthusiasm to achieve a world-class revitalization of this area for the benefit of the City and the Region. Our goal is to reinforce existing businesses and neighborhoods and set a new standard for how waterfronts “work” environmentally, economically, and socially.

Over the next 18 to 24 months, the Harbor District Initiative will conduct a planning process to engage a broad array of stakeholders in crafting a vision for the area, and will begin to build momentum and marshal resources to implement the vision.
At the confluence of Milwaukee’s three rivers, the Harbor District is the place where our city’s past meets its future. Historic neighborhoods and century-old rail bridges meet high-tech manufacturing and world class freshwater research. Our last remaining wetland meets our newest fish ladder. Old-school corner bars meet trendy restaurants.

**Milwaukee “Can-Do” meets the 21st Century: what will we make here next?**

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