HARBOUR DISTRICT NEWS – Holiday Edition

This year has been an exciting year for Harbor District Inc. Click the links below for our last updates for 2016! See you in the new year!

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Letter from Executive Director, Lilith Fowler

What an exciting year it has been for Harbor District, Inc! We doubled our
staff, got our water and land use plan well under way, have wonderful designs and ideas on all kinds of different fronts, and spearheaded a new Business Improvement District to help get the work done. Most importantly, we are having a lot of fun. Ice cream social? Check. Fish hotels? Check. Mr Trash Wheel? On his way. Fourth graders planning brownfield redevelopments? Check. Bike tours, boat tours, port tours? Check, check and check.

Thanks to the many of you who contributed – sending ideas, voting for designs, showing up at public meetings, signing petitions, inviting, organizing, and sharing. Thanks to all of our funders, and a special thank you to the operating support funders who’ve been with us since the very beginning – the Brico Fund, the Fund for Lake Michigan, We Energies, and Rockwell Automation. And, thanks to a fabulous board and incredibly hardworking staff!

We are looking forward to all the things we can do together in 2017. If you have an idea, a question, a project, or a story to tell (our favorite), please give us a call.

Best wishes for the holiday and new year.

Lilith Fowler

Take Me to the River – Time to Vote!

Harbor District Inc. is excited to announce the final designs are in for the Take Me
to the River project. This project is to create a new public space along the waterfront at the East end of Greenfield Ave. Five teams submitted designs and now we need your help to choose a winner. **Click here to vote!** Voting closes Monday, December 19th. We will be announcing the winner in January. We ask you to help us spread the word and share it with your networks. Please let me know if you have any questions. You can find out more information about the project by visiting: [http://harbordistrict.org/take-me-to-the-river/](http://harbordistrict.org/take-me-to-the-river/).

Happy voting!

![Habitat Happenings](image)

**Habitat Hotels**

With the help of partners at the School of Freshwater Sciences, our team recently installed a prototype "habitat hotel." These habitat hotels are designed with the Milwaukee winter in mind: the habitat features are submerged to avoid issues with ice, and the hotels are protected in the recessed portions of steel dock walls. These habitat hotels provide places for fish and other aquatic organisms to find temporary shelter and to forage for food.

In the spring, we will work to identify the best types of native vegetation to plant in the submerged baskets. We also have a grant proposal submitted to build and install 8 pilot hotels with students at Bradley Tech High School in the spring.
The Port of Milwaukee is having a strong 2016 shipping season as the region’s premier intermodal transportation hub. There have been over 250 vessel port calls this year, well on pace to matching last year’s total. Steel to support our manufacturing sector and local construction projects has already exceeded 2015 totals with the highlight being high strength roof beams that just arrived for installation in the new Milwaukee Bucks arena. There is also a new addition to the Port’s heavy lift capability with the delivery of a new 300 Ton Manitowoc Crawler crane in November. As 2016 draws to a close the Port is once again a profitable City of Milwaukee Department.
The Harbor District Initiative brings together local, state, and federal government efforts, the private sector, and community to catalyze the redevelopment of Milwaukee’s Harbor District. Our goal is to create a resilient waterfront that sets the standard for how waterfronts work – environmentally, economically and socially.

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