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### Seeking Artists for Greenfield Avenue Bridge

The Take Me to the River project is an effort to create a new public park along the waterfront in the Harbor District. At the end of 2016, we hosted a design competition to create concepts for a new public park at the east end of Greenfield Avenue. Over 1,300 people voted for their favorite design online and we are moving forward with the winning [Slosh Park](#) design with a goal of breaking ground in spring 2018.

To better connect the park to surrounding neighborhoods, and

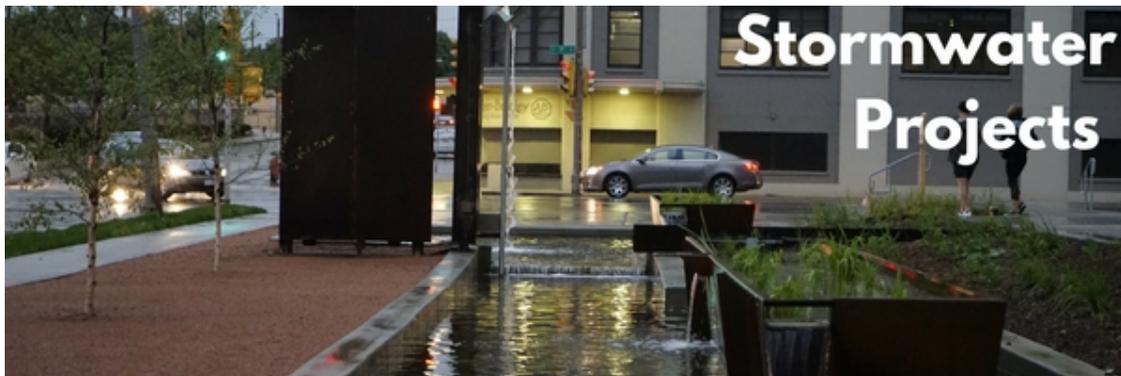
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connect neighbors to the waterfront, we are working on a series of improvements to draw people to the new park space. Our first project aimed at taking you to the river is a mural on the west face of the Greenfield Avenue railroad bridge located a block east of South First Street (next to the new Cermak Grocery store).

We are looking for artists to submit their proposals for how to beautify this bridge. A link to the Request for Proposals is below, and proposals are due August 11. Questions should be directed to [dan@harbordistrict.org](mailto:dan@harbordistrict.org).

### [Greenfield Avenue Bridge Mural Request for Proposals](#)

The Take Me to the River project is made possible through the generous support of the Bloomberg Award for Partner for Places – a project of the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, the Fund for Lake Michigan, Brico Fund, the Brookby Foundation, the Prairie Springs Foundation, and the Zilber Family Foundation. The project is in partnership with the City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office.



### **New Greenfield Gateway Fountain Connects the Harbor to the City**

The Greenfield Avenue Gateway is a fountain and civic promenade marking the corner of First and Greenfield. It was designed as a symbol of Milwaukee's identity as a global water technology hub, and of the Harbor District's ambitions to restore the inner harbor's ecology as well as redevelop its economy.

The fountain is a piece of ecological infrastructure – a stormwater management system that captures 40,000 gallons of rainwater from the roof of Freshwater

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...naza in a large underground cistern, circulates it through native wetland planters to filter it naturally and manages it to best help the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District prevent combined sewer overflows.

Intended to serve as a test site for water technologies, it is already demonstrating a smart control system for Veolia Inc. that manages the amount of water in the cistern, ensuring that storage capacity is available for big storms. Coming soon, a Solar Waterworks PECO unit that uses sunlight and solar photovoltaic electricity to sterilize water.

The Greenfield Gateway has been made possible by the City of Milwaukee, Wangard Associates, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewer District, the Brico Fund, the Fund for Lake Michigan and others. Professor James Wasley, Institute for Ecological Design, UWM School of Architecture and Urban Planning, designer; Ed Beaulieu, Aquascapes Inc., fountain systems design; Marty Peck, Creative Lighting Design, lighting design; Chris Carr, Sigma Engineering, civil engineering and project management; Watertronics, controls systems; JRB Construction, fountain contractor.

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### **Fund for Lake Michigan supports Harbor District**

We're excited to announce a 2-year, \$200,000 operating support grant from the Fund for Lake Michigan! The grant will support HDI's work to improve the environment and ecology of the inner harbor, educate neighbors and reconnect them to this wonderful place in the heart of the city. Read about the exciting work of other Fund grantees here:

<http://www.fundforlakemichigan.org/about-the-fund/whats-new/119-fund-for-lake-michigan-backs-uw-milwaukee-ground-breaking-study-of-aquatic-species>

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## Harbor Fest

We are currently seeking local food vendors and artists to sell at Harbor Fest. If you're interested, download the form below. If you have questions, please contact Molly at [molly@harbordistrict.org](mailto:molly@harbordistrict.org). We hope you will help spread the word and join us on October 7th from 11 am to 4 pm.

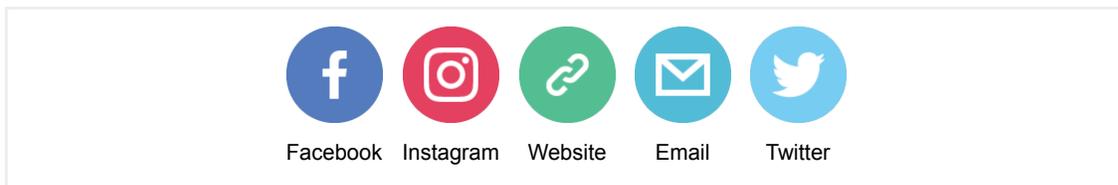
For more information, check out our [Facebook event](#).

[Vendor Application](#)

## About the Harbor District Initiative

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.

Learn more at our website [harbordistrict.org](http://harbordistrict.org).



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