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HARBOR DISTRICT NEWS

A sure sign of spring in the Port is the impending departure of the “winter fleet”. Two lake freighters (see one below) and three barges and their tugs have been moored here over winter and [will be leaving the port in the coming weeks](#) for their first trips of the year. While Harbor District, Inc and our partners have been busy in the past month, we have even more coming in the weeks ahead. Recent and upcoming news includes:

- [Harbor District Media Coverage](#)
- [Waterfront Innovations Design Charrette Final Report](#)
- [Love Your Great Lakes Day Recap](#)
- [Our first Harbor District Business Spotlight](#)
- [Sustainability Summit](#)

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The Stewart J Cort Lake Freighter next to the UW-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences gives you a sense of the size of some of the winter fleet.



Harbor District in the News

The Harbor District has gotten more attention in recent weeks, with two news stories published in early March. [WUWM 89.7 FM aired a radio story](#) by Susan Bence on

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March 7th that covered our Water and Land Use Plan and the results of the Waterfront Innovations Design Charrette. [BizTimes published a story](#) by Corrinne Hess in their early March print edition that covers real estate and development trends in the Harbor District and Walker's Point, Harbor District planning efforts and the Waterfront Innovations Design Charrette. [Follow us on Facebook](#) to keep informed of future media coverage as soon as it hits.



Waterfront Innovations Design Charrette Final Report

The [Waterfront Innovations Design Charrette Report](#) is now available for viewing and download on the Harbor District website. This document, the Charrette Overview, and the four final reports submitted by the charrette teams are all available at harbordistrict.org/waterfront-innovations-design-charrette/. The report includes a description of the charrette, major themes and unique ideas presented by the teams, and a summary of each team's final report.

We encourage you to take some time and read through the narratives and examine the drawings to determine what in these reports are important to your future vision

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for the Harbor District. Should you have questions or thoughts to share you can always contact Harbor District Inc. at info@harbordistrict.org or interact with us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

In the fall of 2015 the City of Milwaukee and Harbor District Inc. hosted the Waterfront Innovations Design Charrette at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences to explore ideas for reimagining the water's edge in the Harbor District. Four teams of designers, landscape architects, engineers, and ecologists from across North America collaborated with local stakeholders to develop new ideas for how the water's edge can better serve the variety of current and planned uses in the Harbor District. More information on the charrette is available at the link provided above.

Thank you to our sponsors for making making this event possible: US Environmental Protection Agency, the Fund for Lake Michigan, the City of Milwaukee Office of Environmental Sustainability, and Tri City National Bank.



Love Your Great Lakes Day Recap

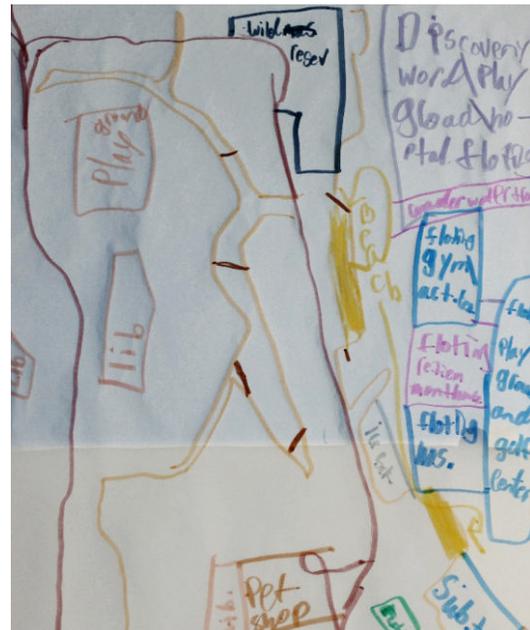
We had a great time at Discovery World on February 13th for Love Your Great Lakes

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Day. Harbor District, Inc and Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers teamed up to create an interactive "Planner for a Day" station. Kids and their families were each given a large map of the Harbor District, tracing paper, and a selection of markers, crayons and pencils and asked to draw their vision for the future of the District.

While Harbor District provided inspirational images and ideas, we quickly learned that most kids (including Braden Shambarger pictured above) needed little inspiration to envision the Harbor District of the future. Ice skating rinks, beaches, museums, bike paths, a variety of stores, and areas for swimming and fishing are some of the more common ideas that were proposed. "Elsa's frozen castle playground," "Floating (fill in the blank)" and "Giant Jacuzzi" were among the more unique ideas. A few examples are below.

Hopefully we'll see some of these aspiring planners shaping the Milwaukee of the tomorrow in the near future. Thank you to [Fund for Lake Michigan](#) for sponsoring the event and we look forward to next year.



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Harbor District Business Spotlight: Nidera

If you've ever looked from Bay View towards Downtown it is difficult to miss the large grain elevators sitting at the water's edge at the mouth of the Kinnickinnic River. They dominate the skyline on the southern edge of the Harbor District. Those grain elevators, seen above with a Polish ship, have belonged to an international company based in the Netherlands, [Nidera](#), since 1999.

The grain elevators themselves were built in two stages, the first in 1914 and the second in the 1930s. The elevators provide both importing and exporting services to farmers and companies needing to buy, sell, or move grain. Corn, beans, wheat, and barley are the main grains that move through the elevators.

Much of the grain comes into the elevators on truck or rail from farms in southeastern Wisconsin and leaves via barge or ship for destinations across the world. In the past year shipments of grain from Wisconsin have left the Nidera elevators headed for Russia, Turkey and Ireland. Imported grain has largely been barley from Denmark destined for breweries in Wisconsin and the surrounding region.

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Sustainability Summit

April 13-14, 2016

Potawatomi Hotel & Casino

www.sustainabilitysummit.us for more information

As part of a focus on eco-industrial districts the Harbor District will be featured at this year's Sustainability Summit. The summit is being organized by the newly rebranded [Environmental Collaboration Office \(ECO\) City of Milwaukee](#) (formerly the Office of Environmental Sustainability) and targeted towards business, energy, water and sustainability stakeholders (i.e. EVERYONE) interested in learning about sustainability best practices, products and services.

The summit includes speakers, in-depth sessions, panel discussions and workshops exploring a wide range of timely topics in energy, water and sustainability. There is a large exhibit hall full of sponsors, exhibitors, and special guests and special third-day (April 15) events that include offsite excursions. For registration and more information see the website above.

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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.






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