Harbor District - November 2017

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Join Us For the Second Moving Milwaukee Forward Public Meeting

Saturday, November 4
10:00 to 11:15 am OR
11:15 am to 12:30 pm
Cielito Lindo (739 S. 2nd St.)

Continue the conversation with us and tell us what's important to you as we walk the neighborhood on Saturday, November 4th. The proposed Walker's Point extension of the Milwaukee Streetcar has the potential to connect people to jobs, attract businesses, bring new housing options, and improve public open spaces. The City of Milwaukee, Harbor District Inc., Walker's Point Association, and other local partners are planning for how to ensure residents and businesses benefit from the potential changes that improved transit could bring to the neighborhood. The only way to make this study successful is to hear from residents like you. At this meeting you will:

- hear what the planning team has been told so far;
- find out what other cities are doing; and
- tell us what should be maintained, strengthened, and changed.

This meeting is the second of several community workshops that will be conducted throughout this process. Additional details about the event and project are available on this flyer.

Both sessions will include the same information (presentation, discussion, and walking tour), so please attend whichever one works best for you. A light breakfast will be served starting at 9:30 am. The walking tour will be outdoors, so please dress for the weather. A trolley will be available for anyone with limited mobility. More info available at the Facebook event page.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Harbor Fest on October 7th. We had over 1,200 people stop down to eat, drink, watch the Milwaukee Boat Parade, paddle a canoe, learn about fish in the Harbor, go for a bike tour, and much

more! We had a great time and can't wait for next year's fest.

To relive all the fun, check out the following videos and photos.

- Harbor Fest 2017 video created by Karen Erbach
- Harbor Fest 2017 photos taken by Will Archer

Thank you to all our partners, vendors, volunteers, and sponsors (below) for making this year's event a huge success. Special shoutout to the weather for cooperating and not raining on our (boat) parade.

Harbor District Mural is Complete

Local artist Nova Czarnecki has completed the Harbor District mural on the railroad bridge over East Greenfield Avenue just east of South First Street (near Cermak). Stop by to check out the native fish and birds coming to life out of the concrete walls and supports of the railroad bridge. Her beautiful mural even caught the attention of WUWM, who interviewed Nova about the project. Stay tuned for info on an official unveiling and additional info on the wildlife in the mural.

This mural is possible thanks to the support of the Bloomberg Award for Partners for Places – a project of the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, Business Improvement District #51, and in partnership with the City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office.

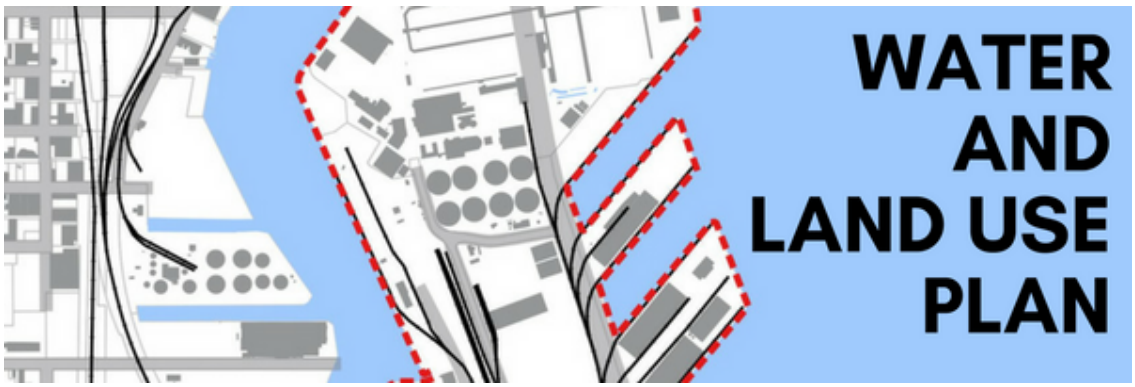
Grand Trunk Wetland Restoration Update

The 6.5-acre Grand Trunk Wetland is one of the last remnants of the Milwaukee Estuary's historical network of wetlands. In the Spring of 2017, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources secured $250,000 through

the US EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) to develop a restoration plan and construction documents for the wetland restoration. Harbor District, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee, Port Milwaukee, and other stakeholders have recently started this process, and the restoration plan will be completed by September 2018.

Our goal is to restore the wetland as an ecological and community asset, and we are excited that this long-awaited process has started. HDI and the Redevelopment Authority will provide regular updates and opportunities for public engagement over the next year - please stay tuned to our newsletter and social media for more information, and for public meeting announcements.

The GLRI funded work is a continuation of earlier planning efforts. More information can be found here.



Harbor District Water and Land Use Plan Update

The draft Water and Land Use Plan (WaLUP) was planned to be released for public review several weeks ago. However, after two years of work, we wanted to be sure that the document was as complete as possible and that several questions were cleared up prior to release. We now anticipate releasing the WaLUP by November 17th with a public open house to be scheduled the first week of December. Stay tuned for further details soon.

While the draft plan has not been released, Harbor District and City of Milwaukee staff have been busy talking with key stakeholders and elected officials regarding the plan. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel was at a recent

presentation by Harbor District staff to the Board of Harbor Commissioners and wrote an article describing some of the key plan highlights.

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.

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