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File Name: Directing city staff to explore land options in the University Hill Farms Neighborhood and nearby areas for potential additional gardening space lost in the Hill Farms state redevelopment on Sheboygan Avenue.

Final Action:

Title: Directing city staff to explore land options in the University Hill Farms Neighborhood and nearby areas for potential additional gardening space lost in the Hill Farms state redevelopment on Sheboygan Avenue.

Notes:

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1	Mayor's Office	03/08/2016	Referred for Introduction				
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1	COMMON COUNCIL	03/15/2016					

Text of Legislative File 42079

Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

Title

Directing city staff to explore land options in the University Hill Farms Neighborhood and nearby areas for potential additional gardening space lost in the Hill Farms state redevelopment on Sheboygan Avenue.

Body

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan Community Garden was a valuable community asset for over thirty years in the University Hill Farms neighborhood on the northwest corner of State Department of Transportation property on Sheboygan Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the 1.25 acre garden was home to over 100 individuals and families, many whom lived in close proximity to the garden site; and

WHEREAS, an abbreviated process was undertaken to find potential land for the relocation of the gardens for the 2016 season; and

WHEREAS, the only feasible option for the 2016 season was a small area in Rennebohm Park that will replace twenty percent of the garden space; and

WHEREAS, several other locations were vetted and are in need of more research to determine, cost, feasibility, and community support, including, but not limited to, Vernon Boulevard, Rennebohm Park, Garner Park, and Indian Hills Park; and

WHEREAS, the recently adopted University Hill Farms Neighborhood Plan calls for additional green and gardening space in several locations throughout the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, additional private lands, such as land in University Research Park are also in need of subsequent discussion and analysis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that city staff explore land options in the general area in and near the University Hill Farms Neighborhood for potential space for new community gardens space; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff should research the cost, soil conditions, water access, sun exposure, and other important factors of locating garden space; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that land security and accessibility should be considered in any staff report on each potential garden space; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that any new gardens that are determined in be feasible will follow a full public process to engage the community, identify potential gardeners, and design site specifics prior to any formal approval; and

BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that city staff shall prepare the said report and present the findings to the Common Council and any relevant city committees no later than October 1, 2016.