



# **Rennebohm Park Master Plan Amendment**

***Board of Park Commissioners***

*Wednesday, March 14, 2018*



# Overview

- History & Background
- Staff Recommendations and Process





## History and Background

- Late 2015: Sheboygan Community Garden was displaced by State DOT redevelopment
- 2016: City worked with garden group and community residents and established current site at Rennebohm Park
- 2017/2018: City continued to work with garden group and community to identify areas where the remaining land lost by the redevelopment could be sited
- Resolutions 42079 and 42334
  - Staff report and recommendations on sites
  - RESJ analysis on outreach strategies



# Staff Recommendations

- Process & Methodology – Staff Recommendation on Final Site
  - Expansion of current garden @ Rennebohm
  - Limit future garden expansion within Rennebohm – letters of support from CGW/SACG
- Timeline
  - Tonight: Formal action by the Board of Park Commissioners on the Parks Master Plan Amendment
- Garden establishment
  - Community Groundworks (leaseholder) will work with Sheboygan Ave Community Gardeners to install garden for 2018 growing season



# Letters of Support



George Reistad  
Food Policy Coordinator  
City of Madison – Office of the Mayor  
210 Martin Luther-King Jr. Boulevard, Room 403  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

March 7, 2018

Dear George Reistad,

On behalf of the Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden (SACG) please extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to City of Madison Mayor Paul Soglin, Alders Arvina Martin, Steve King and Mark Clear, Past Alder Tim Gruber, Food Policy Council, Parks, Planning, and Community Development divisions, Department of Civil Rights and Community GroundWorks for seeking public engagement and securing community support to provide additional community garden space. SACG endorses the staff recommendation of providing additional community garden space in Rennebohm Park to be presented to the Board of Park Commissioners on March 14, 2018.

For thirty-five years, SACG was located on the State Department of Transportation (DOT) site until the garden was forced to vacate in October 2015 due to site redevelopment. The community garden was reestablished in Rennebohm Park in time for the 2016 growing season and replaced approximately 20% of the original community garden space. Resolution 42079 was initiated in June 2016 for city staff to identify additional community gardening space to offset space lost in the Hill Farms DOT redevelopment.

As you are aware, the recommendation provides 11,000 square feet of additional community garden space adjacent to the existing community garden located in Rennebohm Park. This recommendation is the outcome of Legislative Files 42079 and 42334, Legislative File 42334 Staff Report and its Recommendations on Potential Garden Sites within the University Hill Farms Neighborhood and Nearby Areas, and RESJ Tool: Comprehensive Version for Community Engagement Strategies for University Hill Farms Community Garden Siting – 2017. Public input was provided through community discussion meetings, project website, and surveys.

SACG's mission is to provide equitable access to social, environmental, and health resources through a community garden environment in an urban setting. As such, the community garden is open to all on a first-come, first-served basis with a sliding fee scale. Fruits, vegetables, flowers, and herbs grown in the garden are for family and food pantry consumption only.

Carrying out this mission will be challenging given the continued development of commercial properties and multi-family housing in the Hill Farms area which will increase Rennebohm Park usage and the need for community garden space. Less than 50% of the original community garden space will be replaced when the proposed additional space is added in 2018. SACG will continue to work with Parks Division and Community GroundWorks to incorporate urban garden design best practices.

With the information documented above, the Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden, located in Rennebohm Park, confirms the objectives of Resolutions 42079 and 42334 have been successfully met – no additional space will be requested by SACG in Rennebohm Park.

Sincerely, Cindy Statz, Garden Coordinator, and the Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden

cc: Karen von Huene, Nan Fey, Shelly Strom, Pat Soderholm, Leann Tigges, Yuhua Li, Jim Baumann, Ruth Cadoret, Jim Dudley, Geren Zhang, Pranali Lad



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March 6, 2018

Eric Knepp, Superintendent  
City of Madison Parks Division  
City-County Building, Room 104  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Madison, WI 53703

Superintendent Knepp,

On behalf of Community GroundWorks and the Gardens Network, I would like to thank you and your staff for the incredible work you have done to help relocate the University Hill Farms community garden. I understand that balancing the diverse needs of the community can be a challenge that the Parks Division takes very seriously.

Community GroundWorks and the Gardens Network would like to convey our support for the expansion of the community garden in Rennebohm Park. It is our opinion that, with the final relocation complete and consolidated at the Rennebohm Park site, the former University Hill Farms community gardening relocation project, will be completed.

We are well aware that by supporting a final expansion of the Rennebohm Park garden, we are contributing to factors impacting the park, such as population growth, density, and already high levels of park use. We consider community gardening at Rennebohm park to be at an absolute maximum level with this final expansion and we will not support or encourage any further community garden space use in the park.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the community input process regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen von Huene  
Executive Director

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# Project Information – Webpages

## Rennebohm Park Master Plan Amendment - Community Garden Expansion Proposal



Last Updated: 03/12/2018

**Project Update:**  
Based on the feedback received both prior to and at the public meeting (materials from that session are posted, below) staff are recommending that the Rennebohm Park Master Plan Amendment as shown, below, move forward for review and approval at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting to be held:

**Board of Park Commissioners Meeting**  
Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison  
Meeting starts at 6:30 PM

Pending approval by the Board of Park Commissioners, the amended master plan will be referenced in city wide contracts including the 2018 Park Paving contract, which will include realignment of the park's east-west asphalt path to accommodate the expanded community garden.

Please contact Kate Kane at (608) 261-9671 or at [kkane@cityofmadison.com](mailto:kkane@cityofmadison.com) with any questions or comments regarding the project.

### Background:

The City of Madison Parks Division together with the Mayor's Food Policy Coordinator held a public input meeting regarding a proposed master plan amendment to allow for the expansion of the community gardens at Rennebohm Park on March 8th at Mt. Olive Church in Madison. There were approximately 27 attendees at the session, as well as District 11 Alder Martin. City of Madison Parks heard from 9 others who were unable to attend the meeting but were interested in expressing an opinion and/or requesting additional information.

At the meeting, City staff presented a brief recap of the public input process regarding the expansion of the Hill Farms Area Community Garden, together with a staff report summarizing the findings regarding the proposed expansion. Parks staff then presented visuals showing the proposed community garden expansion area, path realignment and relocation of the existing backstop at the park. The materials from the meeting can be accessed at the links, below.

### Project Details

**Location(s):**  
• 115 N Eau Claire Ave, Rennebohm Park  
Madison, WI 53705

★ **Area:** West

■ **Aldermanic District(s):** District 11

▲ **Impact:** Minor

■ **Estimated Schedule:** 05/07/2018 to 08/13/2018

● **Project Status:** Planning

### Project Contact:

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## Hill Farms Area Community Garden Site Project

### Community Feedback Summaries and Staff Recommendation on Hill Farms Area Community Garden Site

Updated Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Community feedback on a community garden site in the Hill Farms area was solicited through a public meeting on January 8, 2018 and a community survey (online and hard copies), which was open Dec 2017 through February 2018. There were 34 attendees at the public meeting and 134 total respondents to the community survey.

Based on the feedback received from the public meeting and community survey, staff is recommending that the current garden space within Rennebohm Park be expanded. However, taking into consideration community concerns related to increasing development in the area and increasing use pressures at Rennebohm Park, staff is also requesting that Board of Park Commissioners consider limiting further garden expansion in the park.

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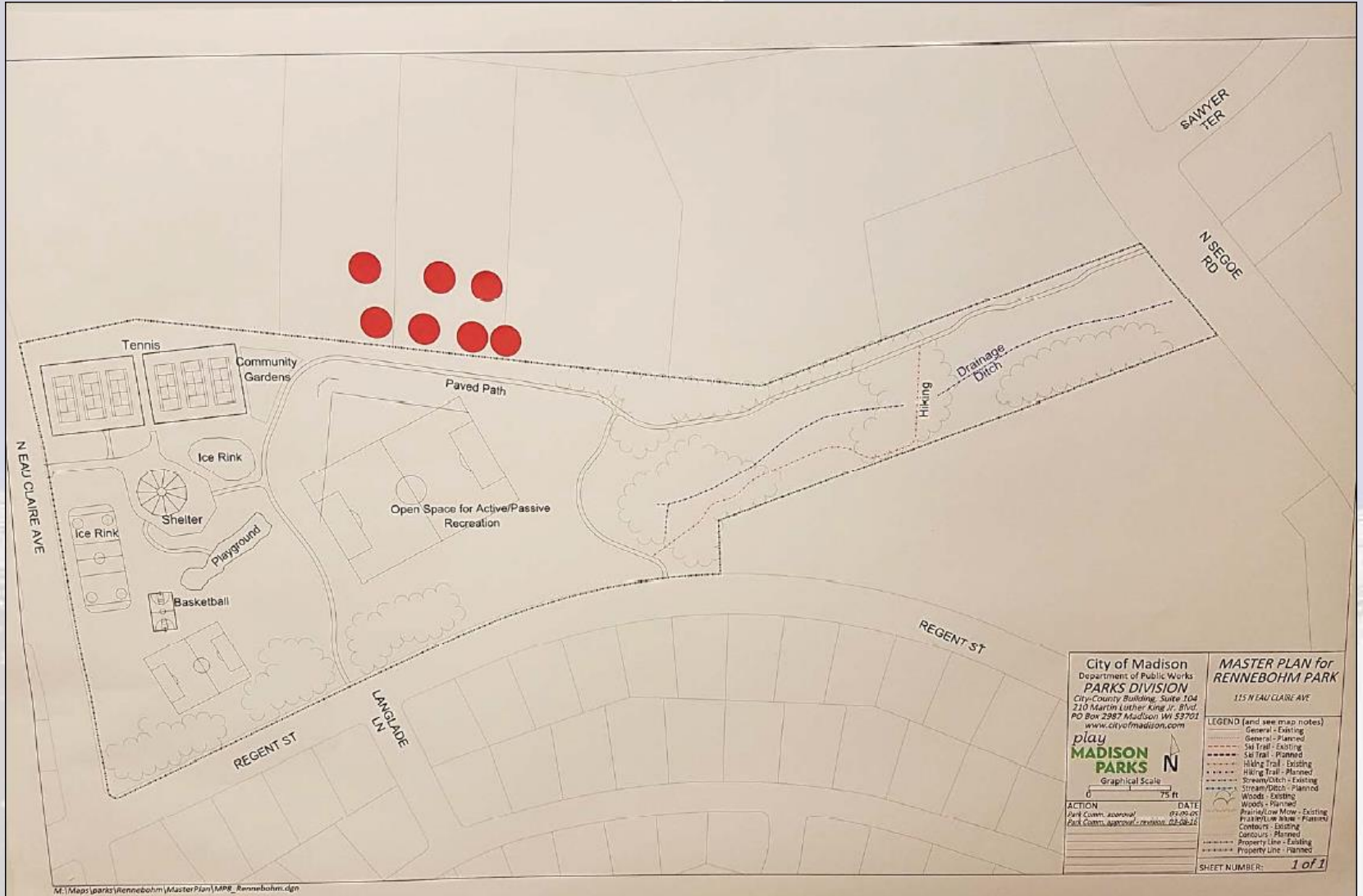
## 3/8/18 Public Input Meeting – Dot Vote (Proposed MP)





# Parks Division

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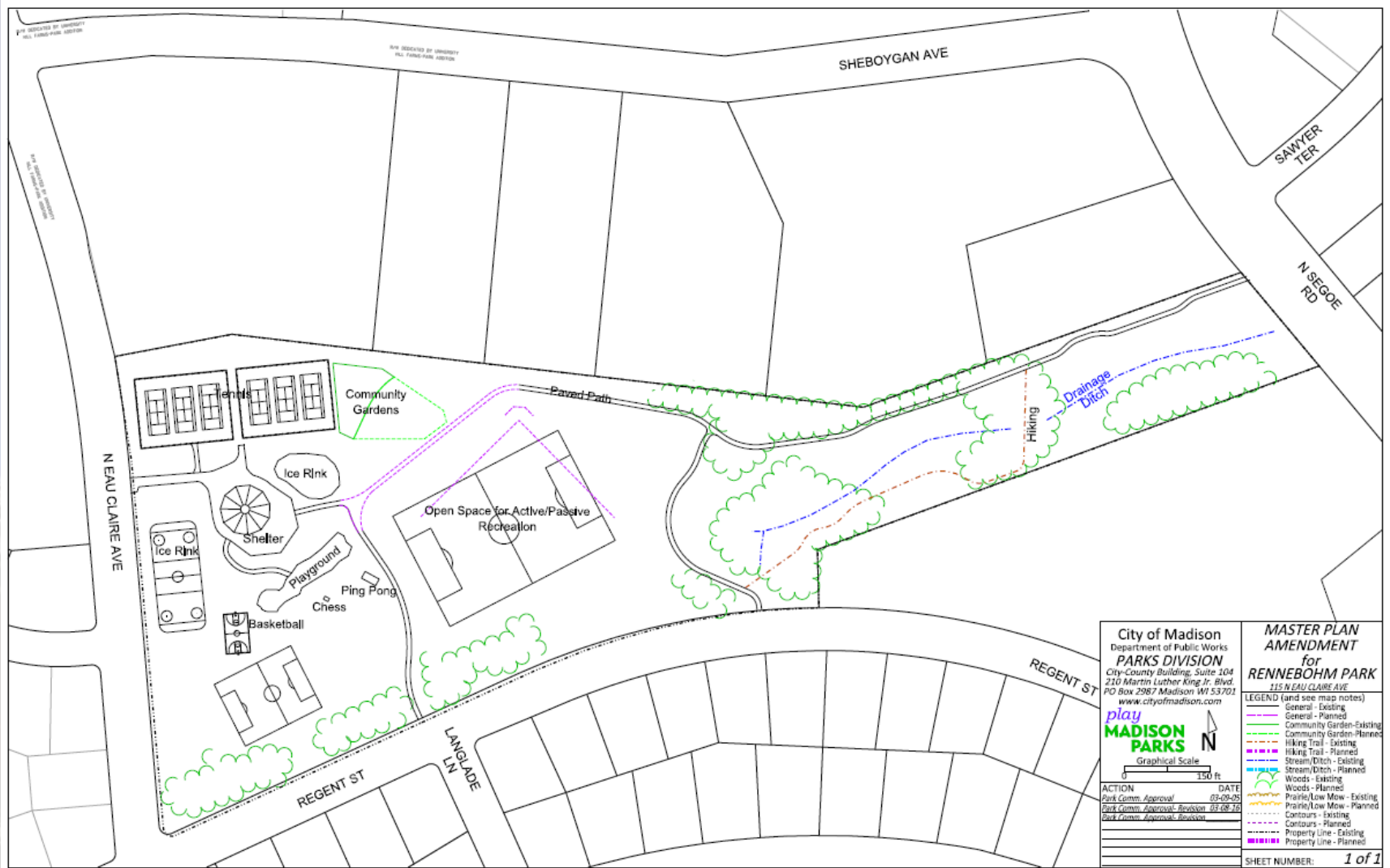






# Parks Division

## Rennebohm Park Proposed Master Plan Amendment



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**MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT for RENNEBOHM PARK**  
 115 N EAU CLAIRE AVE

LEGEND (and see map notes)

- General - Existing
- General - Planned
- Community Garden - Existing
- Community Garden - Planned
- Hiking Trail - Existing
- Hiking Trail - Planned
- Stream/Ditch - Existing
- Stream/Ditch - Planned
- Woods - Existing
- Woods - Planned
- Prairie/Low Mow - Existing
- Prairie/Low Mow - Planned
- Contours - Existing
- Contours - Planned
- Property Line - Existing
- Property Line - Planned

ACTION	DATE
Park Comm. Approval	03-09-05
Park Comm. Approval - Revision	05-08-10
Park Comm. Approval - Revision	

SHEET NUMBER: 1 of 1



# Questions?



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