

Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden – Relocation Proposal October 2015

The Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden (Garden) has been located at 4802 Sheboygan Avenue on the Hill Farms Department of Transportation (DOT) site for 35 gardening seasons. The WI Department of Administration notified the Garden to vacate the site by October 16, 2015 to make way for redevelopment construction. Temporary winter storage of garden assets has been secured but will be lost in spring 2016.

OBJECTIVES:

- Relocate Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden to a nearby site with sun, soil, water, and accessibility prior to the 2016 gardening season, and
- Reach consensus with multiple stakeholders to establish the Garden on City of Madison
 public space located within walk able distance and/or minimal bus transit for Sheboygan
 Avenue and Segoe Road multi-family housing residents, and
- Discuss the need for and means to achieve integration of multi-purpose green space into Hill Farms Redevelopment plans as Hill Farms Neighborhood housing and employment densities increase.

GARDEN ATTRIBUTES

- ✓ Land required approximately one acre, negotiable
- ✓ Interim or permanent site negotiable, with non-binding permit
- ✓ Non-profit with 501(c)3 fiscal agent REAP Food Group or Community GroundWorks
- ✓ Liability insurance by (Gardens Network) Community GroundWorks
- ✓ Experienced leadership and infrastructure to support over 100 households
- ✓ Public benefit, non-profit garden bylaws do not allow food to be sold
- ✓ ADA accessible

DEMOGRAPHICS

- > Approximately 40% of gardeners live in multi-family housing along Sheboygan Avenue
- > Approximately 80% of gardeners are Hill Farms Neighborhood residents
- > Cultural diversity and awareness more than 10 ethnic groups
- > Means of independence 40% low income
- > Community and social connection 30% over 55 years of age

MISSION

- Provide a means for safe, healthy and culturally appropriate food regardless of age or income with sliding fee scale (as low as \$5) based on household income
- Provide educational outreach to promote community and healthfulness. Teach and practice organic gardening methods, energy-saving and sustainable land management, and harvest preservation techniques
- Practice intergenerational team building, leadership training, social networking and support through organized work activities

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