



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

Title

Accepting the staff report and its recommendations on Potential Garden Sites within the University Hill Farms Neighborhood and nearby areas.

Body

WHEREAS, the Council approved RES-16-00388 (Legislative File# 42079) to direct city staff to explore land options in the University Hill Farms Neighborhood and nearby areas for potential gardening space lost in the Hill Farms state redevelopment on Sheboygan Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, city staff have explored 21 different options on seventeen different properties (public land as well as private) for gardening space in accordance with the criteria established under RES-16-00388; and,

WHEREAS, this research is contained in the staff report and appendices which includes a short list of potentially feasible sites, including preliminary estimates of costs for each site for infrastructure improvements as well as other associated costs to implement a community garden; and,

WHEREAS, up to three of these sites will be subject to a public process that was developed using the Racial Equity and Social Justice tool to engage the community, identify potential gardeners, and define design site specifics, working in partnership with Community Groundworks, Inc., under the lease agreement for various community garden sites on city-owned land approved on May 15, 2015 (RES-15-00452, Legislative File# 38170),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, any sites on public land that have been vetted through the public engagement process and are approved by the director of the City Agency responsible for the land upon which a community garden will be located (along with the approval of the appropriate City Committees), will be added to the lease agreement with Community Groundworks, Inc.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any community garden sites on parkland will require an amendment of the Park Master Plan and approval by the Board of Park Commissioners.