



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

Title

SECOND SUBSTITUTE - Directing 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.

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 further discussion and analysis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that city staff **shall** explore the aforementioned land options and any others (including private land) that may be possible in the general area in and near the University Hill Farms Neighborhood for new community garden locations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff ~~should~~ **shall** research the cost, soil conditions, water access, sun exposure, and other important factors of locating garden space **with the goal of replacing the land lost in the Hill Farms state redevelopment on Sheboygan Avenue;** and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that **equity, land security, safety, and accessibility, and competing uses should shall** be **evaluated considered in any** **by** staff **report on** **for** each potential garden space; and

~~**BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that any new garden sites determined to 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 IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff shall also analyze the demographics of the neighborhood surrounding potential sites to consider the people that each garden space may serve, including an estimate of the proximity of each potential location to people of color, low-income individuals, elderly, and disabled persons that are in need of accessible garden space; and

BE ~~IT STILL FURTHER~~ **FINALLY** RESOLVED, that city staff shall prepare **a full report on the above items, including a short list of feasible sites, the said report** and present ~~the its~~ findings to the Common Council and any relevant city committees **as soon as possible, but** no later than October 1, 2016; **and**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that any garden sites determined to be feasible in the staff report will then be subject to a public process to engage the community in a full equity analysis, identify potential gardeners, and design site specifics prior to any formal consideration of approval by the Common Council and/or the relevant city committee/commission.