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Garden District Urban Orchard project will be unveiled on Friday

Sustainable system likely the first of its kind in Milwaukee

Alderman Terry L. Witkowski will help dedicate the Urban Orchard project **Friday morning, June 19**, at the Garden District Farmers' Market at S. 6th St. and W. Norwich Ave. in the 13th Aldermanic District, also known as the Garden District.

The news event will begin at 9 a.m., and Alderman Witkowski will be joined by **County Supervisor Jason Haas, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Executive Director Kevin Schafer, Green Corridor Chairman Bryan Simon** and representatives from the **City of Milwaukee Office of Environmental Sustainability, Energy Exchange, Inc.**, the **Garden District Neighborhood Association** and **Gateway to Milwaukee**.

The fruit tree orchard at the farmers' market site is located in the Green Corridor, a portion of S. 6th Street which was designated by the city as a fully-sustainable living laboratory for environmentally-friendly practices. Rainwater from permeable pavement at the farmers' market parking lots drains into holding tanks and is then used to provide regular watering for the orchard, Alderman Witkowski said.

"To our knowledge, this is the first such sustainable urban orchard in Milwaukee," Alderman Witkowski said. "I believe it could be used as a model that can be replicated to help grow healthy food in neighborhoods across the city."

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Grants were secured for the Urban Orchard project in a partnership between the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District. The project was completed using donated materials.

The Green Corridor was created through legislation authored by Alderman Witkowski. In addition to the successfully-installed permeable parking lots and the farmers' market, the Green Corridor is also home to community gardens, bio-swales, bike lanes, green roofs, solar-powered bus shelters and signs, beekeeping, worm-casting operations, composting, solar flowers and other storm water management technologies.

“Since its launch, the Green Corridor has become an ideal location to experiment with new technologies and perfect their application before scaling up to a city-wide level,” Alderman Witkowski said.