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Inspired by the federal Promise Neighborhood/Zone program that began under then-President Obama, Alderman Ashanti Hamilton and local leaders came together to develop a plan specific to Milwaukee. In September 2011, the Milwaukee Common Council created a communication file to begin work on the Milwaukee Promise, which draws from the national strategy of connecting neighborhoods with governmental resources to reduce violent crime while improving economic and educational opportunities. In September 2014, the Common Council began awarding community development block grant (CDBG) funding toward this initiative which culminated into the Milwaukee Promise Zone (MPZ), launched in summer 2017. MPZ works by partnering with existing community based organizations, within four designated zones, to leverage their expertise while unifying their efforts among one another.

Last year, the most progress was seen in improving access to workforce-based education and job training. Our partners include: 30th Street Corridor, Our Next Generation, Southside Organizing Committee, WestCare, Northwest Side CDC, Employ Milwaukee, Running Rebels Community Organization, MacPyles Corporation, YES-Young Enterprising Society, Safe and Sound, Milwaukee God Squad, GroundWork Milwaukee, Metcalfe Park Community Bridges, and Milwaukee JobsWork.



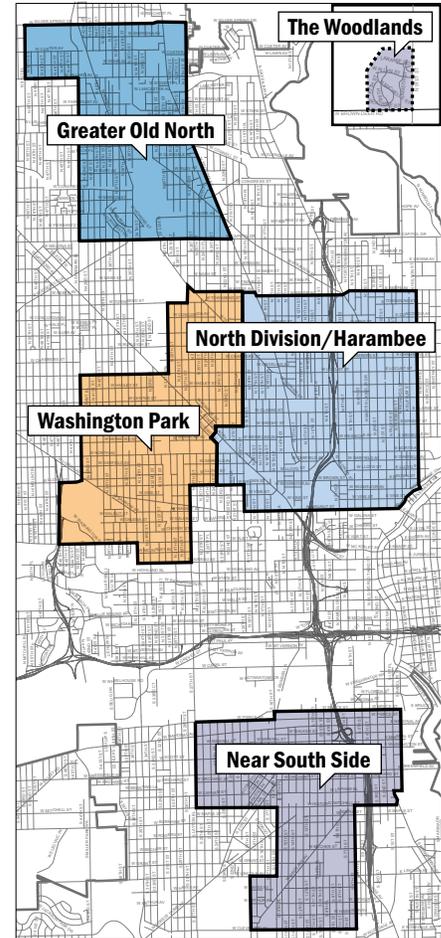
Through MPZ partner, Groundwork Milwaukee, 112 gardens city-wide were improved, managed or revitalized.



Alderman Hamilton joined community members for the second annual Promise Zone Bike Ride.

2018 Goals

MPZ partners will build on lessons learned from the inaugural year. Community liaison police officers will be assigned to MPZ, specializing in relationship building with community members. Additionally, the State of Wisconsin has expressed commitment to align Federal Economic Opportunity Zones, areas designated to receive tax incentives to spur investment, with the Milwaukee Promise Zone Network. With MPZ partners already in place, this approach will greatly magnify the impact for Milwaukee. ▀



Map of the Milwaukee Promise Zones.



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Coming Together for Neighborhood Walks

Alderman Hamilton holds regular neighborhood walks throughout the 1st District talking with neighbors and hearing their concerns. He is joined by community members, block watch members, police officers, along with city staff from the Department of Public Works and the Department of Neighborhood Services.

CONFIRMED WALKS TO DATE:

June 25th / 9–11 a.m.

Thurston Wood Block Watch

June 29th / 9–10:30 a.m.

Neighborhood For Better Living

July 13th / 9–10:30 a.m.

The Hamptons Block Watch

July 23rd / 9–10:30 a.m.

4900 block of 21st & 22nd

August 10th / 9–10:30 a.m.

26th & Hampton

Sept. 17th / 9–10:30 a.m.

McGovern Park Block Watch

If you would like Alderman Hamilton to come to your block or neighborhood, call 286-2228 to schedule a walk-through. 



20th and Olive Tot Lot

Phase One

Completed mid-June

- a 100 ft. long zipline
- adult/teen fitness equipment
- geodesic rope climbing structure
- new 6 ft. slide with attached spinning feature
- multiple swinging options
- poured in place rubber surfacing
- concrete pathways

Phase Two

Scheduled to be completed by late-summer

- new basketball court surfacing
- additional 1/2 court for younger users (1 full, 1 half)
- heavy duty basketball hoops, backboards, rims
- pathway connection to Olive St.

The new \$195,000 site was paid for by MKE Plays, a private-public partnership that is transforming playgrounds through Milwaukee.



Greenhouse Non-Profit Gives Teens Business and Life Skills

May 4 grand opening of Webers Greenhouses, operated by Teens Grown Greens, where local teens participate in a nine-month paid internship. MILWAUKEE INDEPENDENT



Economic Development Group Unveils Vision for 27th & Capitol

The Northwest Side Community Development Corp. has developed a long-range plan for the property which will serve as a marketing tool to attract job creating investment.

UW-MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY DESIGN SOLUTIONS



Alderman Hamilton Hosts Dontre Hamilton Documentary

"Most of the conversation about the relationships between police and community have been one-sided conversations that continue to spark outrage, and this gives an opportunity to include multiple perspectives about a hard truth that this community must face," said Alderman Hamilton.

Garden Homes Taking Action

In 2016, a committed group of residents and stakeholders came together to deepen their commitment to the Garden Homes Neighborhood and build on previous efforts to improve the area. After dozens of meetings, planning sessions and conversations, the Garden Homes Steering Committee and the Corridor (BID #37) have rolled out the Garden Homes Neighborhood Plan 2018. Implementation has already begun as lead and partnering organizations have been assigned to implement seven strategies: neighborhood pride, housing, educational opportunities, intergenerational opportunities, economic development, employment, and safety. **■**



Garden Homes is part of the National Registry of Historic Places.

Blueprint for Peace

“The school-to-prison pipeline is an unfortunate reality,” said Alderman Hamilton. “That’s why I’m working closely with the City of Milwaukee- Office of

Violence Prevention and will be launching a Community Covenant to address this issue.” **■**

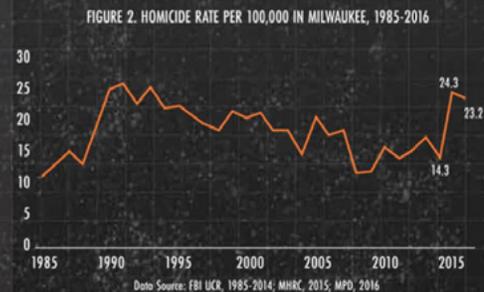
BID #19 Works to Revitalize Villard Avenue



The Villard Ave. Business Improvement District #19 serves nearly two dozen businesses on the corridor while working to attract others in the current vacant spaces. Whether it’s arts, entertainment, food or shopping, the BID is considering how to revitalize and rebrand the district which has a large mix of business and residential areas. This summer, plan on coming out to Villard Avenue Days scheduled for August 18! **■**

APPENDIX F: DATA FROM 2014 TO 2016 FOR SIMPLE ASSAULTS, AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS, NONFATAL SHOOTINGS, AND HOMICIDES

OLD NORTH MILWAUKEE	1233
HARAMBE	1090
FRANKLIN HEIGHTS	896
SILVER SPRING	872
NORTH DIVISION	835
AMANI	799
SHERMAN PARK	722
HISTORIC MITCHELL ST.	715
LINCOLN VILLAGE	675
MIDTOWN	643



Be the Change Nine Years Running



Nine years ago, in response to Wisconsin’s racial achievement gap in math and literacy, Alderman Hamilton and a group of community leaders came up with the plan to keep young males of color active in the summer. Be The Change was born. BTC continues to be a staple program providing mentorship, developing social and behavioral skills and increasing reading capabilities. The program, a partnership

among Milwaukee Public Schools, Running Rebels Community Organization and the City of Milwaukee, provides a seven-week summer intensive program along with a continuum of year-round academic and social support.

“It was evident from the response of the young men that this type of program is the missing ingredient in public education for our young black boys to be equipped for success,” said Reggie Riley, BTC Chapter Leader. **■**



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For more than two years, I have had the pleasure of representing the Common Council as its President. I have worked toward transforming Milwaukee through collaboration not only within the city but also within the region and beyond.

ALDERMAN HAMILTON, COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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President's Perspective



President Hamilton announces the CCC with Chairwoman Markasa Tucker (in gray).

DOJ Collaborative Community Committee

A leaked U.S. Department of Justice report last year found unjustified pedestrian and traffic stops against persons of color while identifying more than 100 recommendations for improvements within the Milwaukee Police Department. When the effort to reform MPD was cancelled by federal officials, Alderman Hamilton and council members created the Milwaukee Collaborative Community Committee (CCC) in January 2018. Chaired by Markasa Tucker, director of the African American Roundtable, the CCC aims to increase commu-

nity-police relations and work toward police reform. The CCC has since held several community hubs to encourage residents to share their own experiences with police and crime and share what they'd like to see from law enforcement. In June of 2018 the CCC was made an official City Committee. Alderman Hamilton continues to collaborate with multiple stakeholders including the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission, MPD, Milwaukee Fire Department and the Mayor's Office to continue the conversation and work toward reforms. ▀

Milwaukee and Waukesha Collaboration Leads to Revenue and Sustainability



After months of negotiation, the City of Milwaukee and the City of Waukesha approved a 40-year deal to utilize Lake Michigan as Waukesha's main water source late last year. Beginning in 2023, Milwaukee Water Works will provide Waukesha with Lake Michigan's water, yielding \$42 million for the City of Milwaukee within the next 20 years.

"We successfully developed an innovative way to utilize Lake Michigan while looking out for our regional partners. I'm looking forward to doing business with Waukesha for the next forty years!" ▀



Gathering of the Presidents

The four African-American men to hold the presidency of the Milwaukee Common Council gathered for a panel discussion on March 22 hosted by Near West Side Partners.

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City Residents Helping Build Multi-Million Dollar Downtown Projects

The city in collaborating with Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WRTP/Big Step) and the city's Residents Preference Program (RPP) to require a percentage of Milwaukee residents to work on big downtown projects. Northwestern Mutual HQ construction (\$450 million) hired 800 Milwaukee residents through RPP,

accounting for 43.5% of total construction hours); New Bucks arena (\$524 million) is employing city residents in its 200 construction development workforce; and the Couture high-rise project is providing valuable skilled-trade employment to WRTP and RPP. ▀



Breaking Bread for Regional Collaboration

Following the Milwaukee-Waukesha Water Agreement, some of the community questioned how leaders in historically opposed communities were able to reach across the "divide" and agree on such a major deal. In a joint op-ed by President Hamilton and Waukesha Common Council President Aaron Perry, answers are provided.

"Maybe it's because they've gotten to know one another outside staid meeting rooms and beyond what they hear about each other in the media. Maybe it's because they chat about their kids and the kinds of things that make them see each other as people — as friends — rather than as opponents, or competitors."

President Ashanti Hamilton meets monthly with counterparts from suburban communities to discuss partnerships and ways to strengthen the region as a whole (pictured). ▀



President Hamilton Welcomes Rumble Young Man Rumble

From April 30 to May 2, Milwaukee played host to a Rumble Young Man Rumble on the road conference. President Hamilton welcomed Shawn Dove, CEO of Campaign for Black Male

Achievement, who developed the program with a focus on providing black males guidance to improve their lives and communities. ▀



President Hamilton Participates in Bike Week

On June 4, while teaming up with the Dept. of Public Works and Wisconsin Bike Fed, President Hamilton biked to work. Speaking to reporters, President Hamilton talked about the impact of transportation barriers on employment. ▀

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Neighborhood Spotlight – Rufus King

The Rufus King neighborhood gets its name from its high school, which is named after a Civil War general who later became a passionate advocate for public education. In 1835, the Town of Milwaukee (not to be confused with the City of Milwaukee) was founded, which included today's Rufus King neighborhood. Four years later the Federal Government developed a road that traveled through the neighborhood and stretched north to Green Bay. It was aptly named Green Bay Road. Initially a conduit to the neighborhood, Green Bay Avenue (as it's called today) later became its main commercial corridor.



As the number of young families settling in the area grew, so did the need for schools. By 1931, Emanuel Philipp Grade School was built—named after the Wisconsin governor who served from 1914–1920. Then in 1934, Rufus King High School was completed—at the center of the Rufus King neighborhood. ■



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Common Council on Facebook

Earlier in 2018, the Common Council launched a Facebook page. According to Alderman Hamilton, the page was created to make information more accessible to the public. “On this Facebook page you’ll find out about new ordinances, events and initiatives aimed at bettering our community,” said Alderman Hamilton. “This page demonstrates our commitment to you for transparency and offers you another way to connect with us.” ■

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