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Council approves Bay View equine facility

Will house police horses & provide community support

The building of a facility housing the Milwaukee Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit along with an **equine-assisted therapy center** has been approved by the Common Council. The 30,000 square foot facility will have 24 stables, indoor and outdoor riding areas, and community rooms on the four acre parcel located at 143 East Lincoln Avenue, according to lead sponsor **Alderman Tony Zielinski**.

"Far too many young people in Milwaukee do not have sufficient opportunities to heal from exposure to chronic trauma," said Ald. Zielinski. "The resources this facility will provide through equine-assisted therapy will be invaluable. Additionally through outreach and educational programs, community members can learn more about MPD and equine practices in a very positive, year-round setting. This will no doubt foster **improved community-police relations.**"

The programs are estimated to engage approximately 5,000 children each year.

A partnership with Zablocki VA Hospital to provide equine-assisted therapy for veterans has also been identified for the upcoming facility.

Under the agreement, the City of Milwaukee will be leasing the property from a not-for-profit group. Construction is anticipated to be completed in fall of 2019.