Recent Development in the Near West Plan Area

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Highland Gardens and Highland Homes
20th / McKinley / 17th / Juneau

Highland Gardens, a mid-rise at 1818 W Juneau Av, is the City’s first green facility. Sustainability efforts included daylighting, green roof, rain garden, and salvaged material used in construction. Highland Homes, Milwaukee’s newest urban subdivision, incorporates energy efficiency and universal design features to create high quality, beautiful and affordable single family homes.

Harley-Davidson Neighborhood
Vliet / McKinley / 36th / 40th

Harley-Davidson awarded NIDC a grant to support forgivable home rehabilitation loans to owner-occupants for exterior improvements. Loans for up to $10,000 were awarded to 16 households, forgivable after five years, as long as the owner continues to occupy the home.

City on a Hill
State / 20th / Kilbourn / 23rd
formerly Good Samaritan Hospital

The City, community partners, and property owners are working together on redevelopment. City on a Hill is developing the 52 unit William A. Passavant elderly residential care complex, including renovation of 2195 W State St into 28 apartments and construction of an addition with 24 units. (developer: Louis Lang, WHEDA Low Income Tax Credits). The Milwaukee Science Education Consortium operates a charter school on the eastern campus. The Gorman Company constructed Historic Kilbourn Lofts, with 99 garden units.

Avenues West Redevelopment Plan
Approx. 23rd / 29th / Clybourn / Highland

DCD is preparing a redevelopment plan for the Avenues West area. The plan focuses on mixed use and commercial redevelopment, housing rehabilitation and investment, and a multi-family housing strategy.

Norris Playground
18th / State / 19th / Kilbourn

The City Department of Public Works and Department of City Development, Milwaukee Public Schools, Marquette University and Avenues West Association worked together on a master plan for the site. DCD and Marquette are negotiating a long-term lease for the property that may include making additional improvements to the property.

SOHI Main Street
27th Street, Highland to St. Paul

SOHI, one of Milwaukee’s six Main Street Districts, completed a market study to guide development, worked closely with Milwaukee Police on a security camera initiative to heighten neighborhood safety, and designated Gateway Markers to create a sense of identity for the district.

Prairie Apartments
1218 W Highland Blvd

Prairie Apartments opened in 2009 with 24 one-bedroom and studio apartments. Rent subsidies are available for two-thirds of the units. Prairie Apartments serves individuals at risk of homelessness because of mental health or other conditions. Supportive services are provided to tenants by Guest House of Milwaukee. Developers: Heartland Housing and Guest House of Milwaukee.