

# Community's Role

## How do you, as a community member, use this plan and move things forward?

- **Contact your Alderperson** when you have ideas, comments, or concerns - visit [milwaukee.gov/CommonCouncil](http://milwaukee.gov/CommonCouncil) or call (414) 286-2221
- **Sign up for the City of Milwaukee's E-Notify system** to receive emails about projects, public meetings, and more at [milwaukee.gov/enotify](http://milwaukee.gov/enotify). We recommend subscribing to the following categories:
  - Under *News Releases*:
    - Your Aldermanic District - 1st, 6th, or 7th
    - Department of Public Works
    - Milwaukee County Parks
  - Under *Information Updates*
    - 30th Street Industrial Corridor News
    - Bicycle and Pedestrian News
    - Environmental Sustainability Initiatives
    - What's New on [Milwaukee.gov](http://Milwaukee.gov)
  - Under *Plans for Future City Development*
    - Near North Plan
- **Contact the Department of City Development's Planning Division** to ask about the status of the projects in this plan - [nearnorthsideplan@milwaukee.gov](mailto:nearnorthsideplan@milwaukee.gov) or (414) 286-5730
- **Get involved with local organizations.** These could include:
  - Neighborhood Associations – Century City Tri-Angle Neighborhood Association, Garden Homes, Rufus King, Sherman Park, Residents for Change
  - Block Clubs/Block Watches, other groups – Little Canada Stormwater Basin Council
  - Safe streets and walking/biking advocacy groups – WI Bike Fed, Safe & Healthy Streets MKE, Coalition for Safe Driving MKE
  - Northwest Side Community Development Corporation
  - Business Improvement Districts: The Corridor, Villard BID
- **Social Media:** Follow the groups above, city departments, and alderpersons on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Not all groups will have accounts, but many do.
- **Get outside and explore** your neighborhood and surrounding public spaces
- **Participate** in future community input meetings and events
- **Sign up for a free rain barrel or rain garden** with Clean Wisconsin (some restrictions apply)
- **Talk with your neighbors** about these projects to spread awareness
- Start a walking group with your neighbors and plan regular neighborhood walks
- Report issues to Department of Neighborhood Services, Department of Public Works or Milwaukee Police Department when you notice things that seem unsafe or irregular. 414-286-CITY or 414-933-4444 (MPD's non-emergency number)
- Visit MMSD Fresh Coast Resource Center for green infrastructure advice, resources, information and funding opportunities homeowners or businesses.
  - Fresh Coast Resource Center, 247 Freshwater Way, Suite 440 Milwaukee, WI 53204
  - (414) 225-2222
- Visit MMSD Managing Water on Your Property web pages. Resources for homeowners for reducing risk of water in basements
  - [www.mmsd.com/what-you-can-do/managing-water-on-your-property](http://www.mmsd.com/what-you-can-do/managing-water-on-your-property)
- Sign up for the MMSD Water Drop Alert
  - People can sign up to receive alerts when heavy precipitation is pending with advice on what to do to reduce the risk of flooding and basement backups when an alert is issued.