Recent Development in the Southwest Plan Area

Southlawn Housing Development
21st - 25th St, Ohio Av - Morgan Av

There is an opportunity for a multi-layered improvement project involving cooperation between DPW, HACM, and MPS. To address flooding issues in the area, DPW selected two alleys to develop pilot green alleys in 2010. There is also an opportunity for HACM to develop new single family market rate homes. In the remaining area of the block, several new energy-efficient homes would be constructed with rain gardens and solar panels.

French Immersion School Site
88th - 91st St, north of Warnimont Av

Future options for the former school site are being evaluated by the Milwaukee Public Schools. Options being considered include new single family and townhouse development, shared green space and a public community center.

27th St Corridor Enhancements
27th between Oklahoma and Howard

The urban form of the corridor is characterized by large parcels and structures with significant setbacks, underutilized surface parking, minimal landscaping, and inadequate pedestrian circulation. Recent vacancies of auto dealerships and other commercial establishments have contributed to a decline in the appearance of the corridor and threaten its vitality.

27th Street received historic designation as “Old Highway 41.” TIF expenditures were approved for redevelopment of the former Foster auto dealership site. Development Incentive Zone (DIZ) guidelines are being prepared. The purpose of the guidelines’ principles and standards is to ensure the design of a high quality public realm that contributes positively to the community’s vision for the corridor. Development proposals must follow the principles and meet the standards for high quality urban design.