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Description, Mission and Divisions

Mission

The mission of the Department of City Development (DCD) is to improve the quality of life in Milwaukee by guiding and promoting development that creates jobs, builds wealth, strengthens the urban environment, and at the same time respects equity, economy, and ecology.

Divisions of the Department of City Development:

- City Real Estate
- City Planning
- Commercial Corridor Team
- Economic Development
- Finance and Administration
- Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation (NIDC)
- Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee (RACM)

To fulfill this mission, the Department of City Development:

- Works with partners throughout the region to ensure an economic climate that stimulates investment and job creation.
- Builds on the city's competitive advantages, including its built environment, natural setting, diversity and status as a center of commerce and culture.
- Encourages high quality, sustainable development that respects and enhances its context.
- Makes sound planning and investment decisions, which serve the needs of local residents, workers and businesses.
- Fosters and supports business development.
- Promotes neighborhood economic development.
- Ensures processes, reviews and approvals are efficient, consistent, and user-friendly.

Mayor's Letter



The Department of City Development is a foundational part of Milwaukee's municipal government that advances economic growth, neighborhood revitalization, and small business development. Through its dedicated staff and local partners, the department strives to build a stronger Milwaukee for all.

In 2022, the Department of City Development worked to advance major development projects in the city's center and throughout our neighborhoods that are adding to Milwaukee's urban fabric and improving residents' quality of life. DCD is also investing in housing across Milwaukee through the \$15-million-dollar Homes MKE initiative that will renovate up-to 150 vacant, tax foreclosed houses.

DCD continued to deploy funding that is building stronger neighborhoods and commercial corridors. Last year, the department leveraged its financing tools to fund public infrastructure projects that are combating reckless driving and creating safer streets. Also, in 2022, DCD awarded more grant funding to local businesses for property renovations and improvements. Furthermore, the department maintained its core functions of increasing affordable housing options, facilitating additional home rehabilitation programs, and transforming vacant lots and blighted spaces into new public places and amenities.

We have more work to do, and I look forward to our collective efforts delivering opportunity and prosperity for people in every corner of Milwaukee.

Mayor Cavalier Johnson

Commissioner's Letter



At the Department of City Development, we are responsible for commercial and residential development, business growth and expansion, and community improvement efforts. Out of all City departments, we have the unique responsibility to make Milwaukee a prosperous, livable, and equitable place to live, work, and succeed.

In 2022, the Department of City Development witnessed many moments of triumph. Construction continued on the Couture and Milwaukee Tool, and the addition of Fiserv's global headquarters to Westtown is bringing new jobs and economic activity to the city. Expansions to Milwaukee's Riverwalk system and the addition of new public gathering spaces are creating incredible experiences throughout our special community. Major city planning efforts moved forward that will establish a vision for future development that will grow Milwaukee in the years ahead.

Increasing affordable housing options remains a top priority for the Department of City Development. Altogether, the projects supported by DCD will create more than 300 new affordable housing units and represent over \$100 million in new investment. This work is not over, and more investments are to come.

As we look back at 2022, I feel confident about Milwaukee's future. We are collectively building the vibrant Milwaukee of our dreams. Our team at the Department of City Development is committed to achieving more milestones to create the equitable city we all deserve.

DCD Commissioner Lafayette Crump

Boosting Economic Development in Milwaukee

The Department of City Development works with developers, businesses, and organizations to advance economic development projects in Milwaukee. DCD provides incentives that advance economic development efforts, as well as helps developers, businesses, and organizations secure financing and additional resources for projects. Through this work, DCD plays a role in creating jobs and returning value to taxpayers.

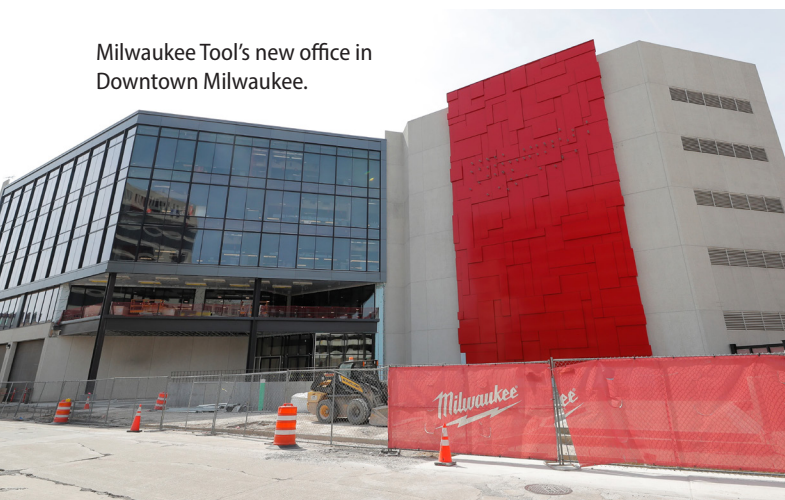
Progress Continues on Couture, Milwaukee Tool

In 2022, progress continued on two major development projects in the City of Milwaukee.



The Couture continues to rise on Milwaukee's lakefront.

Construction on the **Couture** is moving forward. In 2022, residents and visitors witnessed a new addition to Milwaukee's skyline begin to rise from the ground. The Couture is a \$190 million, 44-story mixed-use residential project that includes 322 apartments, 42,000 square feet of commercial space, a transportation concourse, and a public park that received \$17.5 million of Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) from the City of Milwaukee to implement the public infrastructure components of the project.



Milwaukee Tool's new office in Downtown Milwaukee.

Milwaukee Tool is finalizing construction on its new office space. In 2022, the company continued renovations on a formerly-vacant building in Westtown. Renovations are expected to complete in 2023, and Milwaukee Tool has already moved 665 employees to the new downtown office, with plans to grow that number to over 1,200 employees by 2026. The company is investing over \$60 million for renovations, supported by \$12.1 million in TIF funding from the creation of Tax Incremental District (TID) #108 that is tied to the company meeting employment projections. All employees in the building will make at least \$15 per hour.

Boosting Economic Development in Milwaukee

Fiserv, Inc. Announces Relocation to Downtown Milwaukee

Fiserv, Inc. is one of the world's largest financial technology companies. In October 2022, the company announced plans to relocate their global headquarters to the HUB640 building in Downtown Milwaukee. This investment will result in 250 new jobs to the region. In total, Fiserv will have 780 employees in Downtown Milwaukee.

In December 2022, the Milwaukee Common Council approved Tax Incremental District #110, which includes a \$7 million company-financed grant for Fiserv if they meet employment projections. The terms of the grant include community benefit provisions and a commitment to pay all service sector employees in the building at least \$15 per hour. TID #110 also includes \$4.6 million for nearby public infrastructure improvements, including traffic calming enhancements, streetscaping, funding for public art, and more.

Combined with the future Kohl's department store on the first floor of HUB640, Fiserv's move to Downtown Milwaukee continues the recent momentum occurring along West Wisconsin Avenue. This includes projects such as The Avenue, 3rd Street Market Hall, the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's Bradley Symphony Center, the Wisconsin Center expansion, and more. With the post-COVID uncertainty around the country about the future of U.S. downtowns and office spaces, the addition of Fiserv is a major win for the City of Milwaukee and the entire region.

Rendering of future Fiserv, Inc. global headquarters.



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“Having a global fintech leader like Fiserv headquartered here pays dividends that spread across southeastern Wisconsin. The Fortune 500 company's continued presence brings not only high value jobs and opportunities for partners and suppliers, but also the prestige associated with being home to a company at the center of the 21st Century digital economy,” said **Jim Paetsch, Milwaukee 7.** ”

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“Fiserv's roots run deep in Wisconsin, and we're proud to be expanding our presence and investment in the state and the local workforce. Our new world headquarters location will be a dynamic hub of collaboration and innovation, bringing our people together in an inspiring workplace to create opportunity for energizing and career growth experiences, as we lead the industry forward on behalf of our clients,” said **Frank Bisignano, President, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Fiserv.** “As part of our investment in this new Fiserv global headquarters, we look forward to being a force for good, as we create positive and meaningful impact and grow our presence in the increasingly vibrant downtown Milwaukee community.” ”

Redevelopment Projects Gain Momentum

DCD, in conjunction with the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee (RACM), works to eliminate blighting conditions that inhibit neighborhood reinvestment, foster and promote business expansion and job creation, and facilitate new business and housing development. RACM's most visible impact on economic development is within the City's manufacturing districts. This work includes managing some of the city's most complex development challenges that require environmental cleanup, land assembly, and cooperation among diverse groups of stakeholders.



Menomonee Valley - The U.S. Economic Development Administration awarded \$3.2 million in federal funding to RACM for infrastructure and development enhancements at the Kneeland Properties site in the Menomonee Valley. The Kneeland Properties site was used as a coal storage yard for nearly a century and has yet to see redevelopment. This grant will support light industrial development and create jobs at the site that were contemplated in the Menomonee Valley 2.0 Plan. The City of Milwaukee will continue working with Menomonee Valley Partners and other local organizations on this redevelopment effort.



30th Street Industrial Corridor - Progress at the Century City Business Park continues. Talgo USA, a train car manufacturer, recently renewed their lease at Century City for an additional five years at Century City. The community-led design for Melvina Park was also completed, which will result in a new outdoor public space for residents to gather and enjoy the neighborhood.

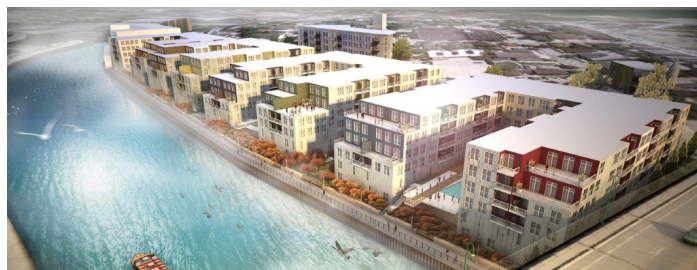
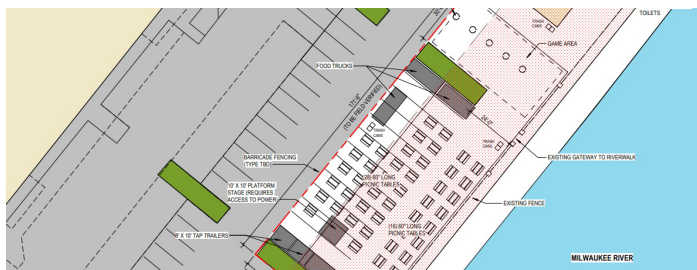
Investing in Milwaukee's Riverwalk

The Department of City Development is continuing efforts to improve and expand Milwaukee's Riverwalk system that represents more than three miles of pedestrian access along the Milwaukee and Kinnickinnic Rivers. In 2022, the City Plan Commission approved new Riverwalk designs that are adding value to Milwaukee's waterways.

A noteworthy future project is the Harbor District Riverwalk, a redevelopment effort located south of Harbor View Plaza in Milwaukee's Harbor District. At close to three quarters of a mile in length, the project is a generational opportunity to build the largest new section of Milwaukee's overall Riverwalk system. This future public space will provide recreational, transportation, and environmental benefits to residents, employees, and visitors in the area, and will showcase the successful coexistence of commerce, community space, and ecological restoration. This future Riverwalk, adjacent to the Komatsu Mining Headquarters, is expected to break ground in early 2023 and represents one of largest investments in industrial land in recent years.



In 2023, DCD looks forward to advancing efforts that grow Milwaukee's Riverwalk and expand public access.



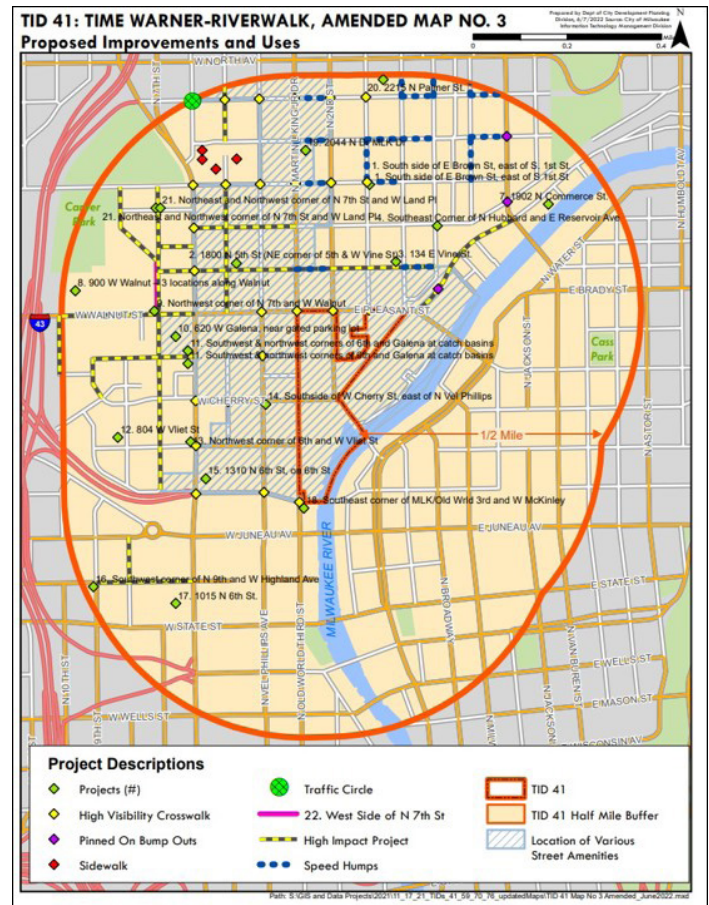
1. Outdoor improvements are planned along Lakefront Brewery's portion of the Riverwalk. The design plans were approved by the City Plan Commission.
2. The Tap Yard at Schlitz Park, a new beer garden and gathering space, will undergo future improvements to enhance the public's experience. The design plans were approved by the City Plan Commission.
3. Boone and Crockett, a bar and restaurant in the Harbor District, will develop a new Riverwalk near their outdoor patio area that will be accessible to the public. The design has been approved by the City Plan Commission that will provide a more water-centric focus to this popular outdoor space.
4. The developments at 1887 and 333 N. Water Street broke ground in the fall of 2022 and will collectively add an additional 480 linear feet and new access to the overall Riverwalk System. In addition, these two developments will bring 412 new housing units to Milwaukee's riverfront.
5. In 2022, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee (RACM) approved a land sale to a development team that has proposed to create a three-story, 28,000 square foot distillery, restaurant and event venue along the Milwaukee River at St. Paul Avenue that would also include a Riverwalk extension. The developer will also serve as the naming rights partner and neighbor to a proposed riverfront dog park that will be directly adjacent to the project.

Financing Public Infrastructure Improvements

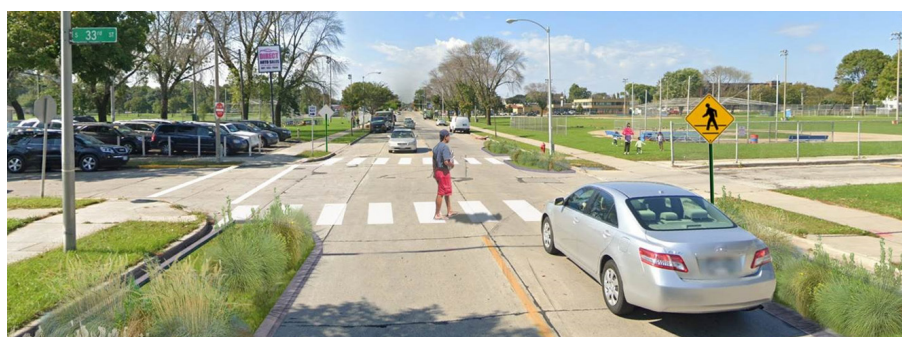
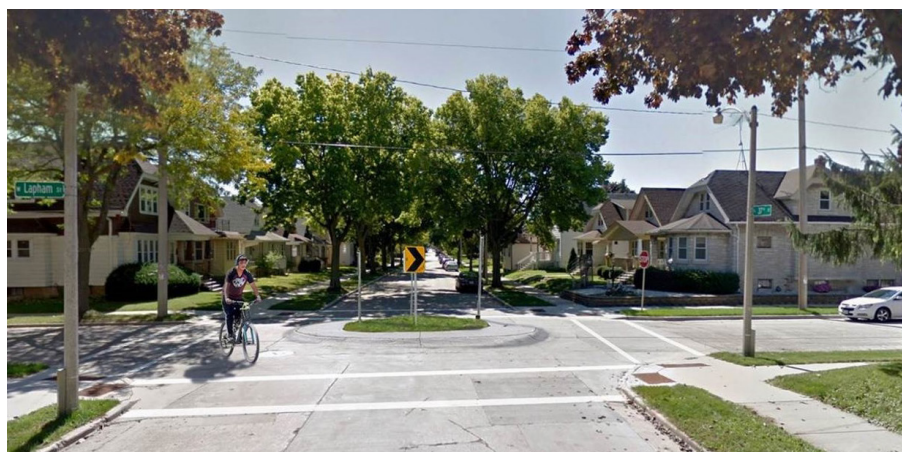
To support the work of Mayor Cavalier Johnson and the Milwaukee Common Council in addressing reckless driving, the Department of City Development has prioritized utilizing Tax Incremental District (TID) financial assistance to fund public infrastructure projects that create safer streets and neighborhoods.

In 2022, DCD deployed more than \$27 million in TID financing to support improvements throughout the City of Milwaukee, including neighborhoods to the north of downtown, the near southside, the Midtown area and the greater downtown. These improvements include curb extensions, traffic circles, speed humps, protected bike lanes, high visibility pedestrian crossings, pedestrian islands, and road diets that reduce the amount of driving lanes.

In 2023, DCD will continue to support Mayor Johnson's Vision Zero initiative, in partnership with the Department of Public Works (DPW), to fund public infrastructure improvements through leveraging TIDs in creating safer streets and neighborhoods in Milwaukee



Map of public infrastructure improvements funded through Tax Incremental District #41.



Renderings of streets with public infrastructure improvements.

Implementing Homes MKE

In 2021, the Milwaukee Common Council allocated \$15 million in federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to the Department of City Development for the Homes MKE initiative. This effort aims to renovate vacant City-owned properties into high quality, affordable housing for Milwaukee residents.

In 2022, DCD issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) that asked property developers to submit plans for partnering with the City, taking ownership of the houses, and leading the renovation and construction of Homes MKE properties. The selected development teams are now working towards finalizing scopes of work, while contractors bid on the rehabilitation projects.

With the support of Mayor Johnson and the Milwaukee Common Council, DCD's Homes MKE initiative is expected to begin renovation work in 2023.



Homes MKE will work to renovate up-to 150 vacant City-owned properties located across 23 neighborhoods to create housing opportunities for Milwaukee families.



Homes MKE Property Developers:

Acts Community Development; Advanced Investors; FIT Investment Group, LLC/Westcare Wisconsin, Inc.; Maures Development Group; One 5 Olive/Milwaukee Community Land Trust; Rico Love Foundation LLC/Mayfield Properties; Strong Blocks; CME Development, LLC; Ezekiel Community Development; Servant Manor; T.A.S. Solutions, LLC; Walnut Way Conservation Corp., LLC; and Walters Renovations, LLC.

Lower Left Image: Three staff members were added to the DCD team to focus on the implementation of Homes MKE. Ed Miller (Real Estate Specialist), Olgita David (Housing Rehabilitation Specialist), and Jeremy Mitchell (Community Outreach Liaison) are part of DCD's commitment to efficiency, excellence, and transparency in the execution of the Homes MKE program.

Supporting Homeownership Efforts

In 2022, the Department of City Development continued to administer the various housing programs that preserve and improve existing housing, and assist new homebuyers in finding, purchasing and rehabilitating homes.



BEFORE



AFTER

In 2022, DCD invested **\$1,381,454** to preserve, rehabilitate and renovate more than **70 housing units** throughout the City, while leveraging **\$413,634** of outside investment.

DCD staff attended **more than 40 community outreach events** to promote housing and community improvement programs, collaborate with partner agencies, and grow the base of residential rehabilitation contractors.

Milwaukee Home Down Payment Assistance Program

In 2022, DCD continued the successful Milwaukee Home Down Payment Assistance Program. The program works to create new affordable homeownership opportunities and address the disparities in homeownership rates in the City of Milwaukee. Working in partnership with Milwaukee's home-buying counseling agencies, including Acts Housing, Housing Resources Inc. and the United Community Center, the program provides grants to eligible City of Milwaukee residents to assist them in purchasing a home.

In 2022, the program provided grants to 299 homebuyers to help them achieve their dream of home ownership. In total, 94% of recipients were homebuyers of color.



Promoting New Affordable Housing

In 2022, the Department of City Development advanced new affordable housing developments that will provide more rental options for Milwaukee residents and families. Altogether, the projects will create more than 300 new affordable housing units and represents over \$100 million in new investment.

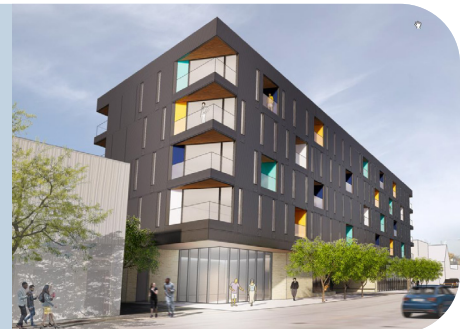
The Iron District project on 9th and Michigan will include the construction of a new 99-unit apartment building and create new affordable housing units in the downtown neighborhood. The project is being spearheaded by Bear Development.



The Edison School project will include the historic renovation and adaptive reuse of the former Edison Middle School located at 5372 N. 37th Street. The project will include 63 housing units for Milwaukee seniors located in the former school building and the new construction of 12 townhomes for families on the site. The project is being developed by Gorman and Company and Cupid Development.



The Five Points affordable housing project, located at Dr. Martin Luther King Drive and Keefe Avenue, will include the construction of a 55-unit apartment building and 7,500 square feet commercial space on vacant City- and RACM-owned land. The project is being developed by Martin Luther King Economic Development Corporation and KG Development. Consistent with the City's Anti-Displacement Preference Policy, 20% of the units will be prioritized for residents who already live in the neighborhood.



RACM worked with Gorman & Co. to implement an adaptive-reuse of the former **McKinley Avenue School** on the Near West Side. This development addressed significant environmental issues, restored a historic building, added green infrastructure, and created 38 units of affordable housing for veterans and their families.



\$940,000 in Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) was approved to advance the **new Martin Luther King Library branch** and connected apartment complex. This mixed-use development will provide 93 units of affordable-rate rental housing in the Harambee neighborhood. The project is being developed by Emem Group and General Capital.



Revitalizing Neighborhoods

The Department of City Development offers properties for sale, including fully-rehabilitated homes, tax-foreclosed buildings, vacant lots, surplus municipal facilities, and brownfield properties suitable for redevelopment. In 2023, DCD facilitated the sale of 136 improved properties and 72 vacant lots.

- DCD sold 21 residential properties and four vacant lots to the Garden Homes Homeowner Initiative, LLC for a scattered-site affordable housing development in the Garden Homes neighborhood, led by the 30th Street Industrial Corridor Corporation and Impact Seven Inc
- Exciting developments are happening along Holton Street, including at the former Grand Theater where an experienced team led by Luis A. Lugo will develop an artist studio called Power Art Studios and an office for Power Property Management.
- A new center for entrepreneurs will be developed on West Center Street in the Saint Joseph Neighborhood by Deshawtae Griffin. The location, called Dedai Enterprise, will provide local small businesses with affordable work space and business incubator services.
- Twenty vacant lots were sold to Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity, who will build new housing for Milwaukee residents at these sites.



Another exciting closing was the HomeWorks: Bronzeville Artist and Community Resource Hub (ARCH) development located at North Vel R. Phillips Avenue and West Meinecke Avenue. This site will be a destination for local and visiting artists.



Cetonia Weston Roy purchased a property on King Drive for the future home of Niche Book Bar, an already successful Black-owned and Black-literature-focused book store. Previously operated as a pop-up, the new location will offer a rich literary experience, books for sale by local and world-wide authors, and refreshments for purchase.

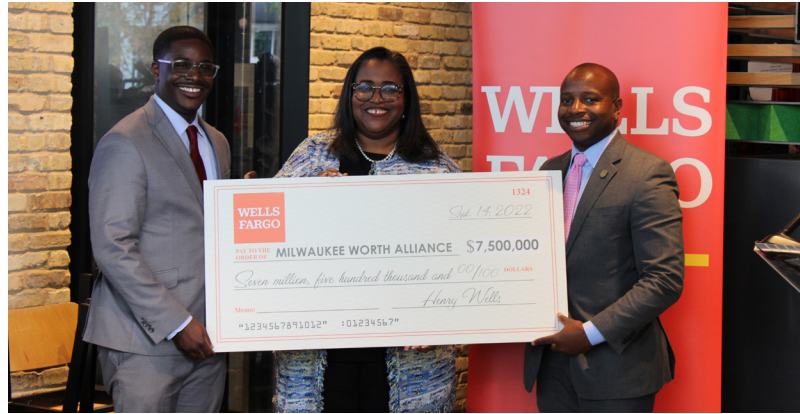
Revitalizing Neighborhoods

Wells Fargo Foundation Grant

In September 2022, the Community Development Alliance (CDA) was awarded \$7.5 million in grant funding from the Wells Fargo Foundation to help advance racial equity by funding quality, affordable homes for Milwaukee families. The donation to CDA comes from Wells Fargo's Wealth Opportunity Restored Through Homeownership (WORTH) initiative, a \$60 million national effort to address systemic barriers to homeownership for people of color. Milwaukee is one of eight markets across the U.S. to receive a WORTH grant.

CDA is the coalition leading Milwaukee's collaborative that aims to help create 5,000 new homeowners of color in Milwaukee by the end of 2025. This grant was celebrated as one of many recent collective action milestones among housing partners like Acts Housing, the Department City Development, Milwaukee County, HACM and other partners.

"With this grant funding, our community partners will have more tools to build stronger neighborhoods, promote homeownership, advance racial equity, and work to ensure every Milwaukeean has access to the quality, affordable housing they need."
- Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson



Mayor Johnson, Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley, and community members celebrate the \$7.5 million grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation.



Healing Spaces Initiative

In 2022, DCD expanded the Healing Spaces Initiative (HSI) to new areas in Milwaukee. HSI is a resident-led program that repurposes vacant, City-owned lots into activated spaces for rest and relaxation. HSI staff created five new community gathering spaces in three new neighborhoods. In 2023, HSI will work with resident leaders to further activate and program the spaces, and continue to expand the initiative into new neighborhoods.



Healing Space Initiative locations in Milwaukee.



Planning for Success

The Department of City Development Planning Division promotes and guides development in Milwaukee by preparing plans, developing zoning tools, and staffing various boards and commissions.

Big Ideas for the Future of Downtown: Connec+ing MKE – Downtown Plan 2040

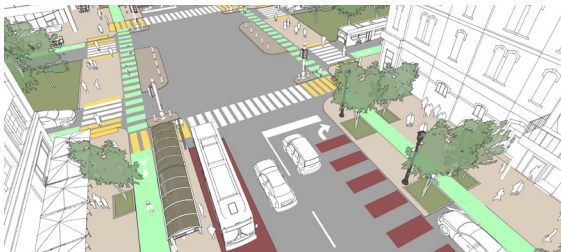
In December 2022, DCD and Milwaukee Downtown Business Improvement District #21 presented draft recommendations from the Connec+ing MKE: Downtown Plan 2040 to the public that provide a vision for the future of Downtown Milwaukee. Connec+ing MKE: Downtown Plan 2040 will set forth a vision for an inclusive downtown centered around a number of goals and “big ideas” that were developed through extensive public engagement. Connec+ing MKE: Downtown Plan 2040 will recommend transformative improvements to public spaces and streets, as well as key sites for new development projects. The final plan will be released for public review and formal approval in 2023.



Members of the public attend Connec+ing MKE: Downtown Plan 2040 Community Town Hall.



Renderings from Connec+ing MKE: Downtown Plan 2040.



Connec+ing MKE: Downtown Plan 2040 will recommend strategies to grow an inclusive and vibrant downtown including:

- Doubling the downtown residential population by 2040
- Redesigning streets to make them more walkable, bikeable, and to enhance and expand transit use
- Investing in public parks and spaces
- Bringing new life to underutilized sites and improving connections to adjacent neighborhoods

Learn more about Connec+ing MKE: Downtown Plan 2040 at milwaukee.gov/downtownplan.

Bay View Plan

A neighborhood planning process is underway in the Bay View neighborhood, as DCD Planning worked with Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Bay View residents and business owners to develop the Bay View Neighborhood Plan. This planning effort will create a vision for new neighborhood development, provide recommendations to meet current and future housing needs, and establish priorities for supporting local businesses, investing in streets and public spaces, and supporting the quality of life that makes Bay View such a desirable neighborhood to live, work, and play.

Extensive public engagement occurred during 2022, including community-wide meetings, pop-up events at neighborhood gatherings, a walk audit, a neighborhood bike ride, stakeholder interviews, and online surveys. A final plan will be released in 2023 and will be an official update to the City's Comprehensive Plan following adoption.



Community members attend Bay View Plan public meeting.

Planning for Success

Creation of the Bronzeville Development Incentive Zoning Overlay

DCD continues to advance initiatives that support the development of Bronzeville as a cultural and entertainment destination highlighting African American arts and culture. During 2022, this included partnering with the King Drive BID to carry out community engagement in developing a zoning overlay that utilizes the vision from past Bronzeville plans, along with community feedback, to set zoning standards and goals that will shape future development in Bronzeville.



Following this work, the Milwaukee Common Council approved the creation of the Bronzeville Cultural and Entertainment District Development Incentive Zoning Overlay in November of 2022. This new zoning overlay was the result of collaboration between DCD Planning, the Historic King Drive Business Improvement District, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, and area stakeholders. The Overlay is approximately five blocks long and includes parcels along North Avenue between I-43 and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The overlay establishes a framework to facilitate high density, mixed-use development in Bronzeville with ground floor uses that contribute to the cultural and entertainment vision of the district.

City Plan Commission: Setting and Implementing the Vision

The City Plan Commission reviewed and approved numerous development proposals during 2022 to advance the goals set forth in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The City Plan Commission heard more than 70 items during 2022, including re-zonings, development approvals, and comprehensive planning files. This included developments that will add to Milwaukee's skyline, create new entertainment options, and support job growth within local industrial districts to advance the recommendations of the City's Industrial Land Analysis. The City Plan Commission approved proposals that are anticipated to create 1,545 new housing units in neighborhoods throughout Milwaukee, with more than 25% of those new housing opportunities included in affordable or mixed-income housing developments.

2022 also delivered progress in implementing key recommendations from the City's Comprehensive Plan. In May, Mayor Johnson joined leaders from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Milwaukee County in announcing a partnership to "Reimagine WI-175." This effort will advance the recommendations from the City of Milwaukee's WI-175 Visioning Study to explore removing, retrofitting, or mitigating the existing transportation barriers posed by the Stadium Freeway to improve community connectivity, pedestrian access, and economic vitality. Planning staff also helped develop the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and Gathering Places Feasibility Study in support of Mayor Johnson's vision to grow Milwaukee's network of gathering places and public plazas that will help improve public health, economic opportunity, and racial equity efforts.



Mayor Cavalier Johnson speaks at a press conference before signing the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and Gathering Places Feasibility Study into law.



Mayor Johnson and community leaders speak about the Reimagine WI-175 effort.

Supporting Milwaukee's Commercial Corridors

The Department of City Development Commercial Corridor Team (CCT) continued supporting local businesses in 2022 through the Commercial Revitalization Grant Program that provides financial assistance for building renovations and improvements in Milwaukee.

DCD's Commercial Revitalization Grant Program helps eliminate blight, enhance building aesthetics, and activate the public realm in Milwaukee by assisting businesses in creating higher quality storefronts that attract customers and support neighborhood development.

DCD also helped create one new Business Improvement District (BID) and one new Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) in 2022.

The Deer District BID #53 was created in the immediate proximity of the Fiserv Forum, with goals to establish the area as a 365-day destination, in addition to being a premiere location for sports and entertainment.

The Lindsay Heights NID #12 was created to assist homeowners and support to community projects that will eliminate blight.



Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, Kenneth Little, Yashica Spears and Maurice Wince (Owners of Sherman Park Grocery Store), and Mayor Cavalier Johnson at Sherman Park Grocery Store's Grand Opening.



Terrence Moore Jr., Kenneth Little, Commissioner Lafayette Crump, and Matthew Rejc at Sherman Park Grocery Store's Grand Opening.



Sherman Park Grocery Store



Mayor Cavalier Johnson, Chris Harris Morse (Owner of North Avenue Market), Commissioner Lafayette Crump, and Alderman Michael Murphy at North Avenue Market's Grand Opening.



Mayor Cavalier Johnson and Commissioner Lafayette Crump help cut the ribbon at AN OX Café on Milwaukee's northwest side.

Supporting Milwaukee's Commercial Corridors

Milwaukee Arts Board

The Milwaukee Arts Board (MAB) promotes the development, support, and enjoyment of the arts in the city, advances cultural diversity in the artistic life of the city, and supports the formation and growth of artistic projects and/or programs that are administered by and responsive to the needs of the community. The Department of City Development provides administrative support for MAB.

In 2022, MAB administered the annual Sustaining Grant program to local arts-focused nonprofit organizations. Recipients use these funds to support artists. In total, 48 Milwaukee-based nonprofit arts organizations received funding in 2022.

Another accomplishment in 2022 was the approval of the Public Artist in Residence (PAIR) pilot program. Under the PAIR pilot program, a local artist and liaison are contracted by the City of Milwaukee to develop, strategize, promote, and implement artist-driven,

creative solutions to complex civic challenges facing the community. The City of Milwaukee's new Public Artist in Residence and PAIR Liaison will be placed in the Department of Public Works (DPW) to develop innovative approaches that will help address reckless driving and create safer, stronger neighborhoods throughout the city. The artist and liaison will begin "work in 2023.

2022 Public Art Conservation Fund Grant Recipients in 2022:

- Riverworks Development Corporation for their restoration of Rozalia Singh's Train Mural on the Beerline Trail
- Lake Park Friends for the continued conservation of the Erastus B. Wolcott Memorial
- Enderis Park Neighborhood Association, in partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools, to restore the iconic Magic Grove sculpture by late local artist Nancy Metz-White



Pictured Left to Right: Ck Ledesma, Nirmal Raja, Rayhainio Boynes (Ray Nitti), Cynthia Henry.

The 2022 Mildred L. Harpole Artists of the Year were Nirmal Raja and Ck Ledesma, while Cynthia Henry and Ray Nitti (Rayhainio Boynes) were named the 2022 Friends of the Arts. These awardees were honored, along with the 48 sustaining grant recipients, at the annual celebration in June 2022 at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts.

Milwaukee Arts Board Members

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- Polly Morris, Vice Chair
- William DeLind
- David Flores
- Donald Fraker
- Marcela Garcia
- April Heding
- Tina Klose
- Diane Kosarzycki
- Emilia Layden
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