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January 7, 2014

RE: PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON CONCEPTS FOR SHORELINE
PARK/PRESERVE
Former Northwestern Barrel Co. Site – 3300 Marina Road

Dear Property Owner or Interested Party;

This letter is being sent to property owners in the vicinity of the former Northwestern Barrel Co. site; and other interested parties and stakeholders.

The former Northwestern Barrel site is a 18 acre parcel abutting Lake Michigan, generally located east of 5th Avenue between Bay Heights Road and Marina Road. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) coordinated and completed clean up actions on this site and adjacent properties. The parcel was conveyed to the City of South Milwaukee in 2011. Attached is a site history and location map.

The City has received a Coastal Management Grant through the Wisconsin Department of Administration to complete planning related activities to provide improved public access to the coastal open space and shoreline, and to improve the quality of stormwater run-off. Public information meetings are included with the grant activities. In conjunction with the City's consultant, two development concepts have been prepared for public comment. Both concepts include the following elements:

- Ravine stabilization on the north side of the parcel to reduce erosion, improve storm water quality, and protect coastal wetland
- Stormwater bioretention (natural area to control and treat stormwater run-off
- Improved access path from upper area to shoreline
- Stabilized bluff plantings
- Potential locations for future pavilion, overlook, access drive, and limited parking
- Areas of mowed open space

The objective of the proposed park plan is to provide passive uses and access to the lakefront, and does not include such things as playground areas, ball fields, or bike trails. In general, City Officials desire that the property be an asset to the neighborhood, and the community. The first

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public information meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2014, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be open house format with a brief presentation at 5:30 p.m. The Consultant and City personnel will be available to answer questions.

The concepts are available for public review at the City Administration Building, 2424 15th Avenue, or on the City website at www.smwi.org. This information may be accessed by selecting the "Engineering Project Information" tab from the menu bar on the left side of the home page.

A proposed final plan will be developed for a second public meeting. The final plan will serve as a guideline for additional grants and improvements. It is anticipated that implementation of the plan will be done in various phases, completed over a 15-20 year period, depending on available funds.

Comments or questions should be directed to Kyle Vandercar, P.E., City Engineer, at the telephone number or email listed below.

Sincerely,

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SHORELINE PRESERVE

3300 MARINA ROAD
(Former Northwestern Barrel Co. Site)

Site History

1941-1964	Northwestern Barrel Co. in operation
Mid to late 1960's	Buildings removed / demolished
1982	Property acquired by Towne Realty
1981-1985	WDNR initial investigation based on resident complaints and assessment to EPA
1987	EPA completes initial assessment
1991	Limited waste removal and disposal by Towne Realty
1992-1994	EPA determination of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) for clean-up
1995	EPA order to PRP group for clean-up actions
1996-2000	EPA removal action activities including initial clean-up actions, investigation, and second round of removal actions.
1999	City rezoning of land from Commercial to Residential (park and parkway lands)
2000-2009	EPA non-time critical actions including investigation, ground water monitoring, wetlands restoration
2010	Final report on site clean-up activities completed
2011	Property conveyed to City of South Milwaukee
2011-2012	City contracts for storm sewer outfall stabilization - north ravine
2012	WDNR Final Case Closure
2013	Coastal Management Grant application and initial activities

