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RE: PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING #2 – November 11, 2014
CONCEPT 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.

The City has received a Coastal Management Grant through the Wisconsin Department of Administration to complete planning related activities for 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. The first public information meeting, held in May, included two development concepts. A revised concept has been developed which includes the following elements:

- Primary entry from Bay Heights Road with approximately 10 parking spaces and access path.
- Secondary site access from Marina Road with approximately 8 parking spaces created where Marina Road turns south with a pedestrian access path.
- Improved primary pedestrian path to the beachfront designed to meet ADA requirements with accessible beach extension.
- Secondary paths with stair structures, overlooks.
- Extension of the storm sewer system on the north side of the parcel to reduce bluff erosion, and reduce velocities to protect coastal wetland.
- Stormwater bioretention by using rain gardens as a natural area to control and treat stormwater run-off.
- Stabilized bluff plantings.
- Areas of mowed open space.

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The objective of the plan is to provide passive uses and access to the lakefront for people of all ages and abilities. The plan 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 second public information meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 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 concept will be available for public review following the meeting 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.

The final plan will serve as a guideline for additional grants and improvements. Plan implementation will require additional design details and operational details, such as public use hours. It is anticipated that implementation of the plan will be done in various phases, completed over a multi-year period, depending on available funds. The Final plan could be amended in the future to address changing needs of the city or public desire, subject to required approvals.

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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