



Department of Public Works

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Ms. Gina Stilp  
Zilber Family Foundation  
710 N. Plankinton Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53203

Dear Ms. Stilp:

I am writing to you regarding the City of Milwaukee's application to the Zilber Family Foundation for a grant to support the "North Avenue Streetscaping and Greenway [8<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Streets]."

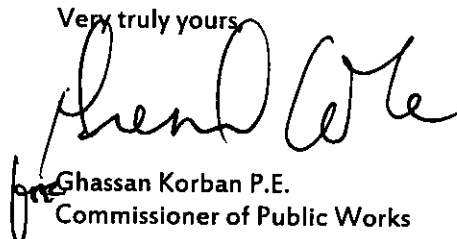
The Department of Public Works (DPW) is part of the team working on this project, along with the City of Milwaukee's Environmental Collaboration Office (ECO), Department of City Development, BID #32, Walnut Way Conservation Corp, Social Development Foundation and Mayor's Office.

DPW is pleased to support this project by committing \$16,000 of Vacant Lot Beautification capital funds for the installation and maintenance of vacant lot edges, planters and hanging baskets. In addition to the above, DPW will support the North Avenue Streetscaping project during 2016 & 2017 in the following manner:

- Coordinate with ECO , UWM Community Design Solutions and other partners on overall North Avenue streetscape design plan, including neighborhood outreach,
- Final design specifications and landscape plans for ornamental grass edges installed on City-owned vacant lots and private properties where permitted,
- Contracting for any potential non-DPW provided services, examples being landscape installation and 3-years post planting maintenance services for treescaping, lot edge installs, topiary park landscaping, planter installation and flowering basket installation, and maintenance (dependent on extent of forthcoming grant funds),
- Mowing and snow removal of improved City-owned properties,  
Treescaping of vacant lots on North Avenue between Holton Avenue on the east and 43<sup>rd</sup> Street on the west. For environmentally sensitive vacant lots, DPW will work with ECO on the selection & placement of plants and/or trees in planters for a coordinated, uniform appearance. City funds for treescaping project will be provided via our 2015 grant from the USDA Forest Service, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

We are pleased to be part of this effort, and urge the Zilber Family Foundation to approve the grant request. Should you have any questions about DPW's commitment, please contact Tim McCollow at (414) 286-3748, or via email at [tmccol@milwaukee.gov](mailto:tmccol@milwaukee.gov).

Very truly yours,



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