

March 16, 2026

City Clerk – Claims
City of Milwaukee
200 E. Wells St., Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

CITY OF MILWAUKEE
2026 MAR 19 P 3:03
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Re: Notice of Claim – Property Damage Caused by City Snowplow

Dear City Clerk,

This letter serves as formal notice of a property damage claim involving a City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works snowplow. I also submitted notice immediately on the Click4Action online submission (#17959437) but the repair resolution will need to be done by us, not the City.

On **Monday, March 16, 2026 at approximately 8:15 a.m.**, a **City of Milwaukee snowplow** became stuck on the street directly in front of our residence at **3060 N. Gordon Circle, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**. The street conditions were extremely slippery, and the plow slid down the slight slope and into our **newly landscaped yard**, causing significant damage.

The operator was unable to free the vehicle immediately, and we assisted while the plow was being maneuvered out of the planting bed. During this process, the vehicle compacted the soil and destroyed numerous plants in the landscaped area.

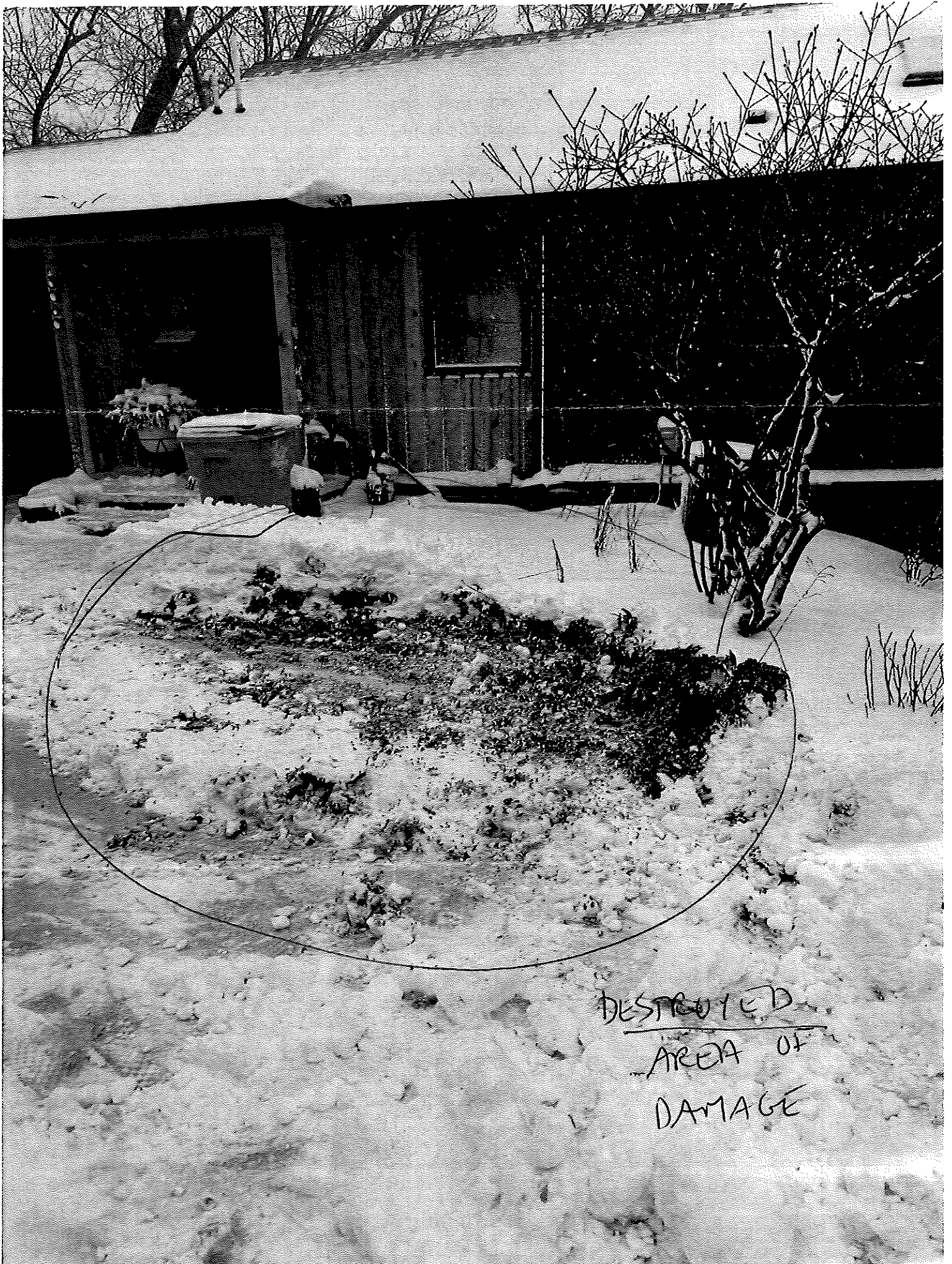
The damage occurred directly as a result of the snowplow leaving the roadway and entering our landscaped planting bed while attempting to maneuver on the icy slope. Tire tracks from the plow were visible throughout the planting area immediately after the incident, and multiple plants were crushed or uprooted. The weight of the vehicle also caused significant soil compaction, requiring soil replacement and cultivation to restore the planting bed to its prior condition.

The damaged landscape was **professionally installed in fall 2025**, and we have a detailed record of the plants and materials used. Enclosed is a copy of the landscape plan as well as a photo showing the damage.

Based on two estimates from landscape contractors, the following work is the low bid cost of work required to restore the area:

Required Repairs

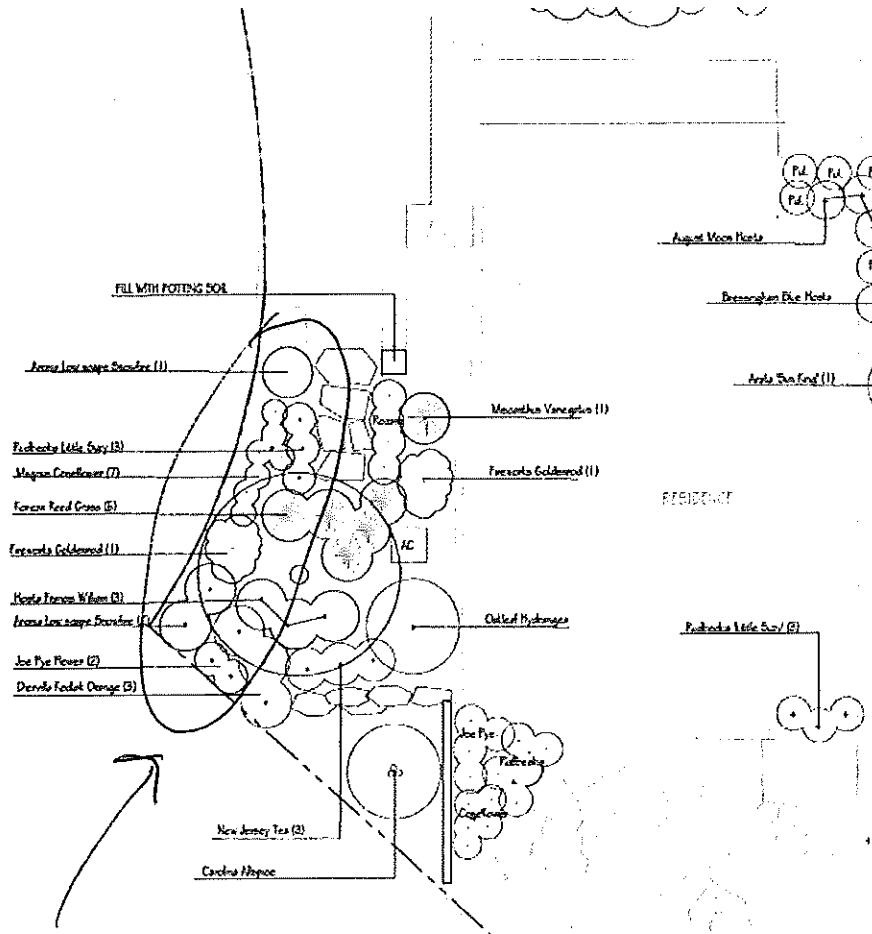
1. Install **2 cubic yards of blended topsoil/plant starter mix (3–4 inches)** in the planting area and cultivate the soil to reduce compaction.
2. Replace the plants that were destroyed, including:
 - *Aronia Low Scape Snowfire* (2)
 - *Rudbeckia Little Suzy* (3)
 - *Magnus Coneflower* (7)
 - *Korean Reed Grass* (1)



DESTROYED
AREA OF
DAMAGE

LANDSCAPE PLAN

INSTALLED FALL 2025



AREA
DAMAGED

QUOTE #1
LAW BID



March 16, 2026

Juli Kaufmann Mike Maschek
3060 Gordon Circle
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Century Landscaping Co, Inc. will provide labor and materials for the following service:

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 - o Korean Reed Grass (1)
 - o *Fireworks* Goldenrod (1)
 - o *Hosta Francis Williams* (3)
3. Install **shredded hardwood bark mulch** in the planting beds.

Total estimated cost for materials, labor, and tax: \$1,300.

Payment terms: A 30% down payment is required. Balance is due within fifteen days of completion. **Interest of 1.5% per month will be charged on past due accounts. If balance is not paid within 30 days all warranties become null and void**

Please initial here that you have received our Notice of our lien rights _____

Payment Terms and Conditions and Warranty Sheet must be signed and returned with contract

Accepted by _____ Date _____
(Please send a signed copy of contract and required signed forms with your down payment)



new eden
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

New Eden Landscape Architecture
131 West Seeboth Street, Suite 240
Milwaukee, WI 53204 US
(414)530-1080
rosheen@newedenlandscape.com
<http://www.newedenlandscape.com/>

QUOTE #2

HIGH BID

PROPOSAL

Juli Kaufmann
3060 N. Gordon Circle
Milwaukee, WI 53212

DATE 03/16/2026

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Landscape services Restore front landscape to original plan	1	1,435.00	1,435.00T

SUBTOTAL	1435.00
TAX	106.59
TOTAL	1,541.59

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800 City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202, Telephone 414-286-2601, Fax 414-286-8550

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ernest Stubbs
Operation Division - Fleet Services
2142 W. Canal St, 2nd Floor

FROM: Cristal Cruz, Claims Department
City Hall - 800

DATE: March 29, 2026

Please forward a copy of the following report, if available, and any **photos** that may have been taken. We request your response within 45 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Date: 03/16/2026

Location: 3060 North Gordon Circle

Claimant: JULI KAUFMANN

File No: 2026-000616

Thanks,

Cristal, Ext. 2601

Enclosure

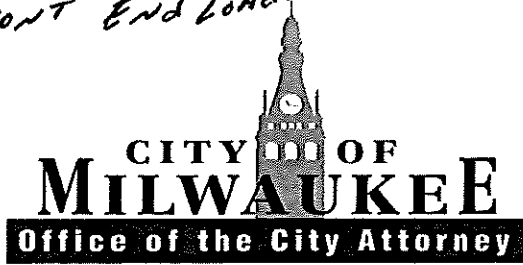
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REPORT # 2388

THOMAS HALL

possibly: SUB CONTRACTED FRONT END LOADER
NOT A CITY VEHICLE



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Department of Public Works
Operations Division- Fleet Services

Jerrel Kruschke, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works

Danielle A. Rodriguez, M.B.A.
Director of Operations

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NOTICE

This notice is to inform you that Fleet Operations was notified that you were the driver during an accident that took place on 03/17/2026

City employees are expected to maintain the public's trust by following safe driving practices. Your commitment to safe driving mitigates the risk of a crash, protecting City equipment and, more importantly, your and the public's safety. Safe driving demonstrates your commitment to serving the City of Milwaukee and continuing to provide efficient services to our residents. In alignment with this commitment, a thorough investigation was conducted and the accident has been ruled:

- Non-Preventable – The driver took all reasonable action to prevent the accident and it still occurred.
- Investigative – A determination of fault could not be determined. No further action will be taken; unless additional information is presented.
- Preventable – Reasonable action could have been taken by the driver to prevent the accident. You will receive documentation describing the actions management will be taking.

If you do not agree with this determination or would like to request additional operator training, please contact Fleet Dispatch at 414-286-5561 and ask for a Manager.

A copy of this notice and the accident report will be kept in accordance with record retention policies.

Sincerely,
Lashaunda Everett
Fleet Operations and Training Manager



Equip #	00001	City of Milwaukee Fleet Accident Report		Claim No	ME-4
Report #	2386			Driver Dept	1b
EID #	UNKNOWN			Sanitation	
Police Report #				Driver's License No	1c
D&A Tested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			DL on Driver?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
# of Units Involved		<input type="checkbox"/> Investigative	<input type="checkbox"/> Fleet Accident	<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Damage Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism or Theft
1a Driver Name		UNKNOWN		1d Supervisor & Phone	
Address		UNKNOWN		City, State Zip UNKNOWN	
2a Accident Date	03/17/2026	2b Location of Accident	3060 NORTH GORDON CR MILWAUKEE, WI 53212	2c Police Dept Notified	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3 Description of Accident	CALLER STATES CITY PLOW TRUCK DESTROYED HER LANDSCAPING IN HER YARD WENT TO THE LOCATION OF INCIDENT HOWEVER NO ONE WAS HOME LEFT CITIZEN FORM AND CLAIM FORM IN MAILBOX CALLED THE CALLER AND SHE RETURNED THE CALL STATING SHE WENT TO CITY HALL TO FILE A COMPLAINT SHE STATED SHE HAD TWO DIFFERENT REPAIR FORMS FROM CONTRACTORS BASED ON VIEW OF TIRE MARKS AND DAMAGE BIT LOOKS LIKE THE DAMAGE OCCURED FROM AN END LOADER SPOKE WITH SUPERVISOR AT CENTRAL 2 WHO SAID IT WAS ROUTE 10 HOWEVER NO PLOW TRUCK ENTER THAT LOCATION ON DATE AND TIME				
4a City Vehicle	Description	Damage Description	4b License Plate No		
5a Occupants of City Vehicle	Driver Name	Address	Injury	Phone	
	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
5b Passenger	Name	Address	Injury	Phone	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
6a Unit No 2	6b Description	6c License No	6d Ins Co		
4b Damage Description					
7 Owner	Name	Address	Injury	Phone	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
8a Driver	Name	Address	Injury	Phone	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
8b Passenger	Name	Address	Injury	Phone	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
8c Witness	Name	Address	Injury	Phone	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Unit 3	Name/Address	Vehicle Description	Injury	Phone	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Safety Equipment		Manner of Collision			
Driver Condition			Driver Factor		
Unit 1	Unit 3	Unit 1	Unit 3	Unit 3	
Unit 2	Unit 4	Unit 2	Unit 4	Unit 4	





