

**LAND DISPOSITION REPORT
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE**

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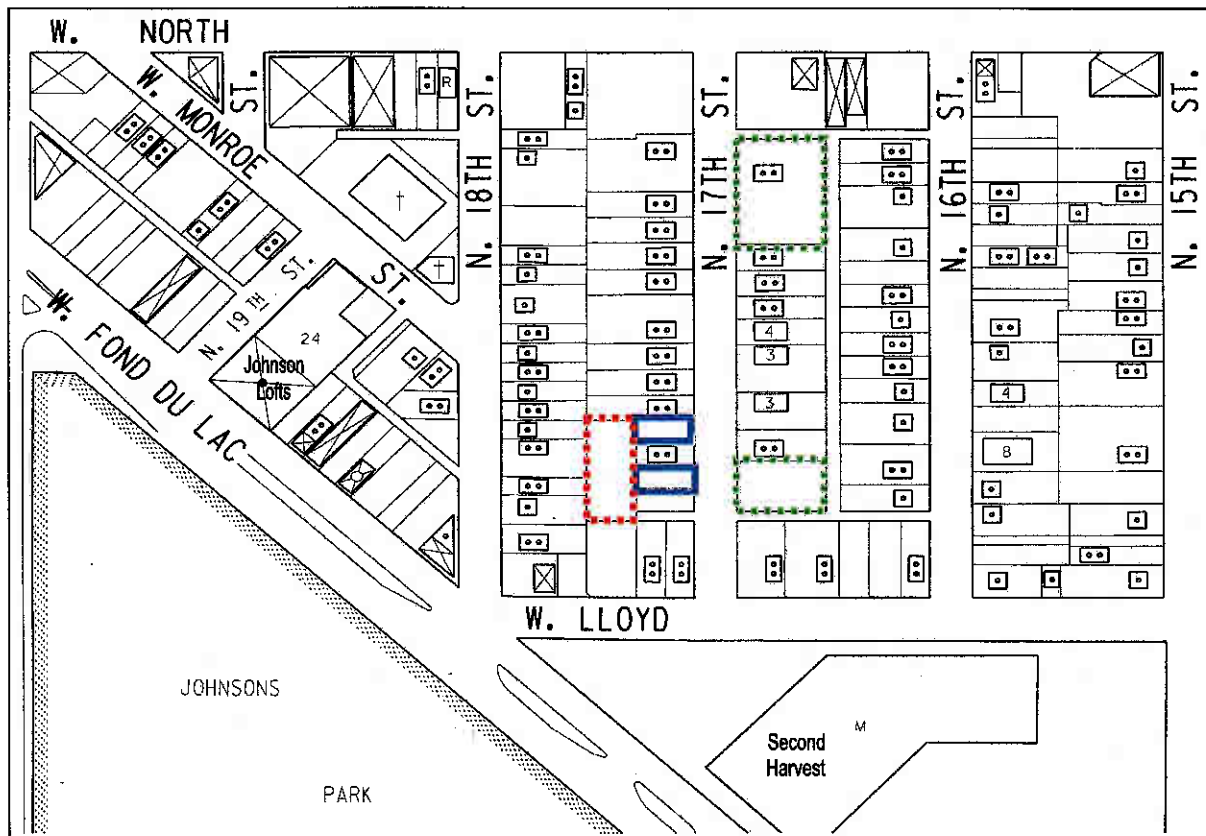
RESPONSIBLE STAFF

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PROPERTIES

2125 North 17th Street and 2133 North 17th Street. Two 35' x 80' lots with a combined area of 5,600 SF. Both properties were acquired through in-rem foreclosure.

Potential future acquisition: 1712(R) West Lloyd, a 10,780 SF parcel, is tax-delinquent and scheduled for foreclosure this year. Upon acquisition by the City, the lot may be conveyed for another garden without additional Council action.



- City Lots to be sold
- Potential tax foreclosure
- Walnut Way gardens and office

BUYER

Walnut Way Conservation Corp. ("Walnut Way") is a resident-led community development corporation formed by the neighborhood residents in 2000. Francesca Dawson is the president. Walnut Way's mission is to enhance and preserve its neighborhood, which is from North Avenue to Walnut Street from 12th Street to Fond du Lac Avenue/20th Street. The area is also part of the Lindsay Heights neighborhood.

Walnut Way has rehabilitated over 100 homes that have been sold to owner-occupants and assisted in shutting down 17 drug houses (including one that hosts its office). The organization is on the forefront of promoting healthy lifestyles by developing four urban gardens in the area and challenging new fast-food restaurants. Walnut Way will also be the recipient of funding and other support from the Zillber Neighborhood Initiative.

PROPERTY USE

The creation of an urban agricultural field testing and sampling site to be monitored and maintained in collaboration with the UW-Madison Department of Soil Sciences. An additional garden or field testing site can be created if the City acquires the adjacent tax-delinquent property.

OFFER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The lots will be sold for \$1.00 (each). Properties will be sold "as is." Closing will occur once Buyer has the necessary permits. A deed restriction will be placed on the property stating that it cannot be sold for development purposes without approval of the Common Council.