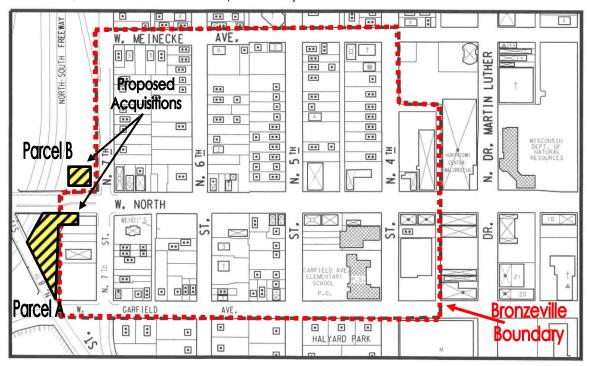
BLIGHT DESIGNATION SUMMARY COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE

RESPONSIBLE STAFF

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PROPOSED ACTIVITY

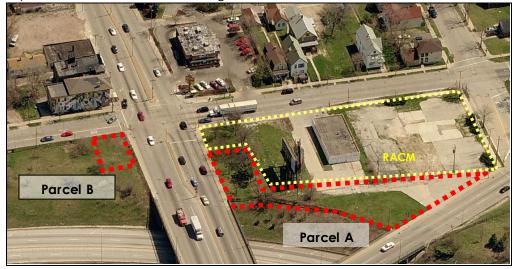
Declare two parcels of excess I-43 right-of-way blighted for acquisition by the Redevelopment Authority using Community Development Block Grant funds. The parcels are generally adjacent the Bronzeville/7th & Garfield Redevelopment Project Area.



PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED

Two parcels of excess I-43 right-of-way owned by Milwaukee County:

Parcel A: Approximately 8,422 SF on the south side of West North Avenue and the west side of North 8th Street. The land is adjacent to parcels that are either owned by or to be acquired by the Redevelopment Authority. The parcels will be assembled to create a catalytic development site. Parcel B: An 1,800 SF parcel at the northwest corner of West North Avenue and North 7th Street. The site may be used to relocate an existing billboard.



FINDING OF BLIGHT

The properties can be considered "blighted" by virtue of the small size, limited access, obsolete platting and vacant occupancy, all of which substantially impair or arrest the sound growth and development of the community and the City of Milwaukee.

PAST ACTIONS

On March 20, 2008, the Redevelopment Authority held a public hearing on the blight designation pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes and authorized acceptance of an Offer to Sell submitted by Milwaukee County. The Offer also has been authorized by the Milwaukee County Board.

FUTURE ACTIONS

Upon approval of the blight designation, the Authority will close the transaction with Milwaukee County. The larger portion on the south side of West North Avenue (Parcel A) will be assembled with adjoining Authority-owned parcels through a Certified Survey Map for a catalytic project that will be presented to the Authority and Council at a later date. The smaller parcel on the north side of West North Avenue may be used to relocate a privately owned billboard from the Bronzeville project.