# LAND DISPOSITION REPORT COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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### PROPOSED ACTIVITY

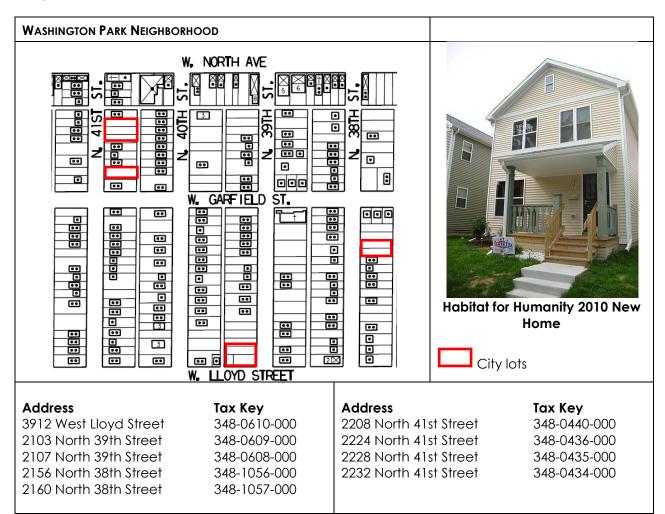
Authorize the sale of City of Milwaukee vacant lots for Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity's 2011 building program. The action also would approve conveyance of three Redevelopment Authority properties to Habitat.

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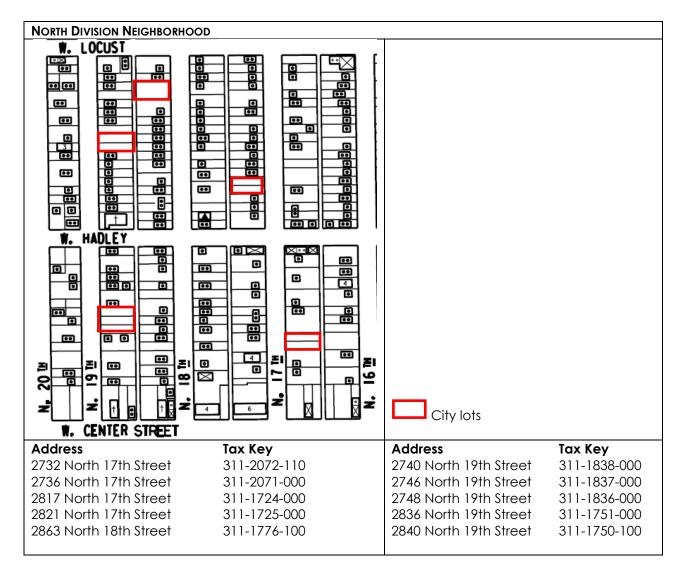
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity, Inc. is a local organization that is part of a nationwide effort to build new homes for first-time, low- to moderate-income buyers. Volunteer labor, including required sweat equity by future buyers, and homebuyer counseling are key to Habitat's success. Its Executive Director is Brian Sonderman. Since 1984, Habitat has built over 400 homes for Milwaukee families.

## **PROPERTIES**

40 vacant lots to create 42 building sites in three neighborhoods: Park West - 21 building sites, North Division - 10 building sites, Washington Park - 9 building sites. If any lots are determined to be infeasible for construction, as Habitat prepares building plans or certified survey maps or additional lots become City-owned, the Commissioner of DCD may substitute a similar lot in the target areas upon approval from the local alderperson.







## **PROPOSED USE**

Construction of 42 single-family, owner-occupied homes. Four different models will be constructed beginning in Spring 2011. Each home will be approximately 1,100-1,400 SF and have 3-4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Once completed, the homes will be sold to owner-occupants for approximately \$85,000 to \$90,000.

# **OFFER TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The properties will be sold "as is" for \$1 per lot. Closing will occur within six months of Common Council approval, but in advance of construction to allow Habitat to obtain needed certified survey maps to create building sites. Closing is subject to DCD approval of final house designs and site plans. Given Habitat's history of satisfactory performance, an Agreement for Sale and Performance Deposit will not be required.

# REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACTIONS

The Redevelopment Authority held a public hearing on February 14, 2011, on the proposed transfer of 2642 and 2654 North 21st Street and 2509 North 22nd Street to Habitat as required by Wisconsin Statutes. After the hearing, the Authority authorized conveyance to Habitat subject to approval of the Common Council.