

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

RESPONSIBLE STAFF

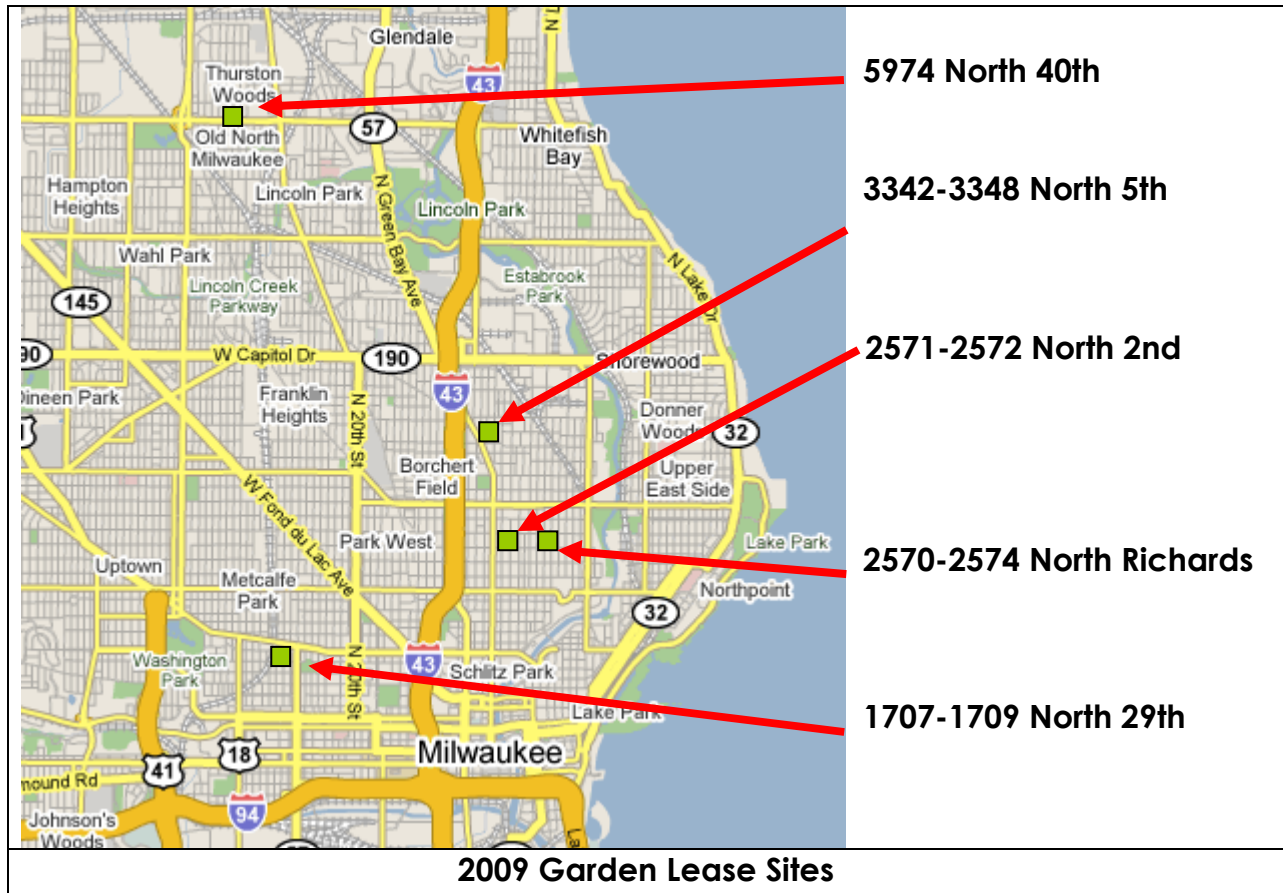
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PROPOSAL

Support a neighborhood gardening pilot program by Milwaukee Urban Gardens. Master leases on City-owned vacant lots will be executed with Milwaukee Urban Gardens. Milwaukee Urban Gardens will in turn sublease city-owned vacant lots to neighborhood garden groups. This initial effort is with five neighborhood garden groups and may be expanded in the future.

LESSEE

Milwaukee Urban Gardens, Inc., a non-profit land trust established in 2000 dedicated to acquiring and preserving land and partnering with neighborhood residents to develop community gardens. Its Executive Director is Erin Kanuckel. Milwaukee Urban Gardens owns four garden lots in the Bay View, Riverwest, Old North Milwaukee and Wahl Park neighborhoods. Milwaukee Urban Gardens also holds leases for and advises neighborhood garden groups across the City.



Property

<u>Address</u>	<u>Dimensions</u>	<u>Gardeners</u>
2571-2575 North 2nd	90' x 150'	All People's Church
3342-3348 North 5th	45' x 107'	Harambee Great Neighborhood Assn.
2570 to 2574 North Richards	100' x 120'	Off the Grid
5974 North 40th	55' x 107'	Thurston Woods Community Assn.
1707-1709 North 29th Street	90' x 134'	Hmong Production Garden

PROPERTY USE

Neighborhood garden groups will create gardens at each site under the guidance and agreement with Milwaukee Urban Gardens. The goal is to provide a degree of stability to groups who wish to garden while Milwaukee Urban Gardens vets the garden groups and ensures their viability. This program will start to activate our vacant lots, beautify neighborhoods and provide fresh produce to improve residents' diets. This is a pilot program that will inform the City and Milwaukee Urban Gardens on future policy for neighborhood gardens and urban agriculture.

LEASE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Each property will initially be leased for a three-year term under the master lease. Each lease will be for \$25.00 per garden per year. Milwaukee Urban Gardens will be responsible for screening and managing neighborhood groups that will garden on the premises as sublessees. Milwaukee Urban Gardens will be responsible for maintaining each garden site, providing liability insurance and ensuring that neighborhood garden groups comply with all lease terms. All garden design and site plans will be reviewed and approved by the Department of City Development.