

Milwaukee County Department of Transportation

New Highway Maintenance Facility

to better serve the Community in Milwaukee's North Side



The need...

- The current facility which was built over a century ago (est. 1872) presents many existing and future structural hazards, which can no longer be addressed via major/minor maintenance.
- There are no women's restrooms and/or locker room, therefore forcing the department to only employ men at this shop location. Only one restroom exists in the building and is not even adequate for the men.
- Inability to accommodate/place new/larger equipment at this site due to not only the size of the shop, but also the garage doors.
- Inefficient use of utilities due largely to the age of the building, but also the current design and mechanical features.

.... And the list goes on!

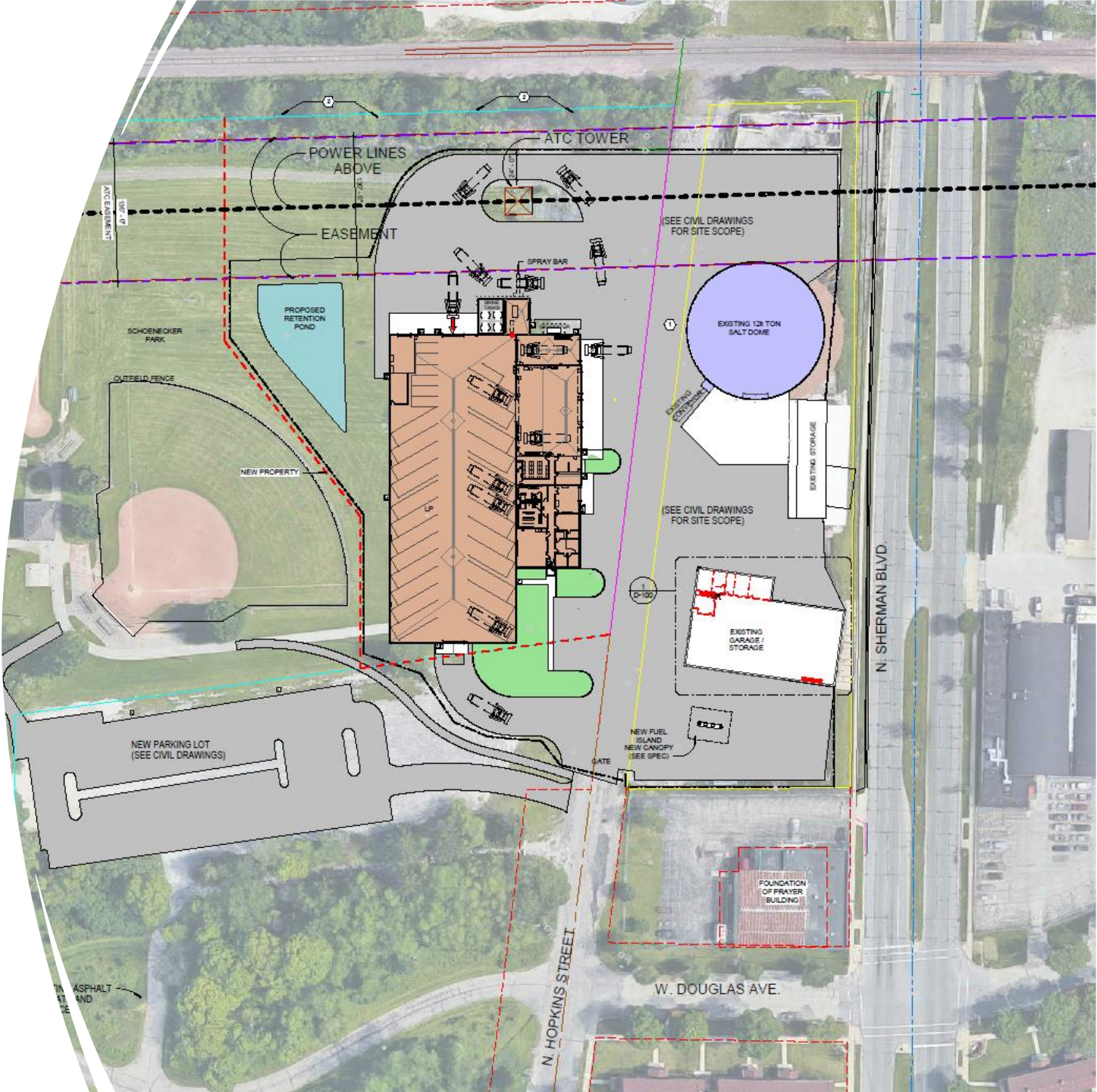


Important accomplishments:

- MCDOT has Completed 100% Designs & Specs for the new shop with the help of the Barrientos Design Co.
- With the approval of the Milwaukee County Executive along with the County Board we have secured the Capital Funding for the new shop.
- Our Architecture & Engineering department has successfully advertised a bid for a Construction Management Co., so that we can execute construction plans.
- Obtained necessary land (gravel parking lot) from Milwaukee County Parks via land swap agreement.
- Began site clean-up due to large illegal dumping site near the shop location.
- Executed land use agreements with Havenwoods State Park for the shared use of the parking lot near the shop.
- Obtained MOU from DNR for a land swap of 0.34 acres of land needed for the new building.
- Legal descriptions of the various land agreements/swaps.
- Signed letter of intent from neighbor/homeowner at 5900 block of N. Hopkins for MCDOT to begin improvements once section of street is vacated by the City of Milwaukee.



Design & Specs

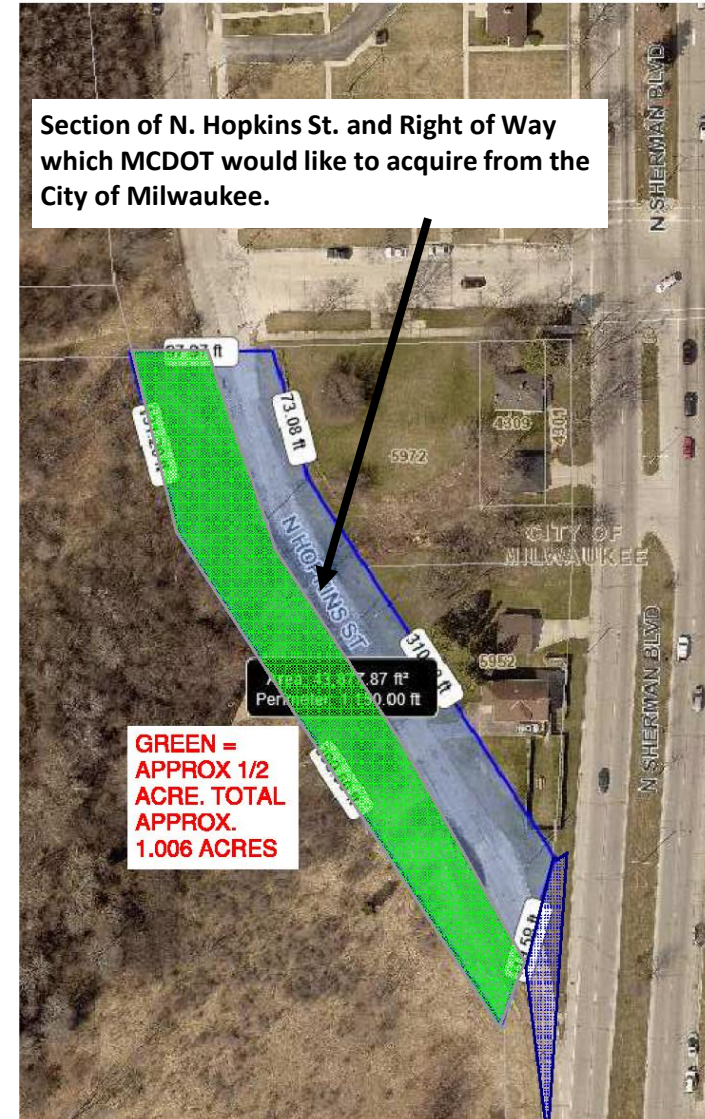


Building Renderings



Currently in the works:

- City of Milwaukee to vacate the highlighted section/block of N. Hopkins St.
- Working with the City of Milwaukee, Havenwoods State Park and the current neighbors near the 5900 block of N. Hopkins St. to gain input and finalize a design that will be beneficial for all.



Public Input/Information Meeting:

Dear Neighbor,

We hope this letter finds you well! We are continuing to move forward with the planned improvements for 5900 block of N. Hopkins Street. As you are aware North Hopkins Street currently belongs to the City of Milwaukee, and in order for Milwaukee County DOT and the Wisconsin DNR (Havenwoods State Park) to collaborate on the proposed improvements, the City of Milwaukee will be vacating the property.

Proposed improvements include improved landscape, new signage, and terminating N. Hopkins as a dead end at Florist Ave. However, a drive for Havenwoods State Park and the current resident will remain, but all other traffic will be diverted to Florist Ave. We will be having a public information meeting on:


Thursday, March 9, 2023
Smith Park Pavilion
4:30 – 6:30pm

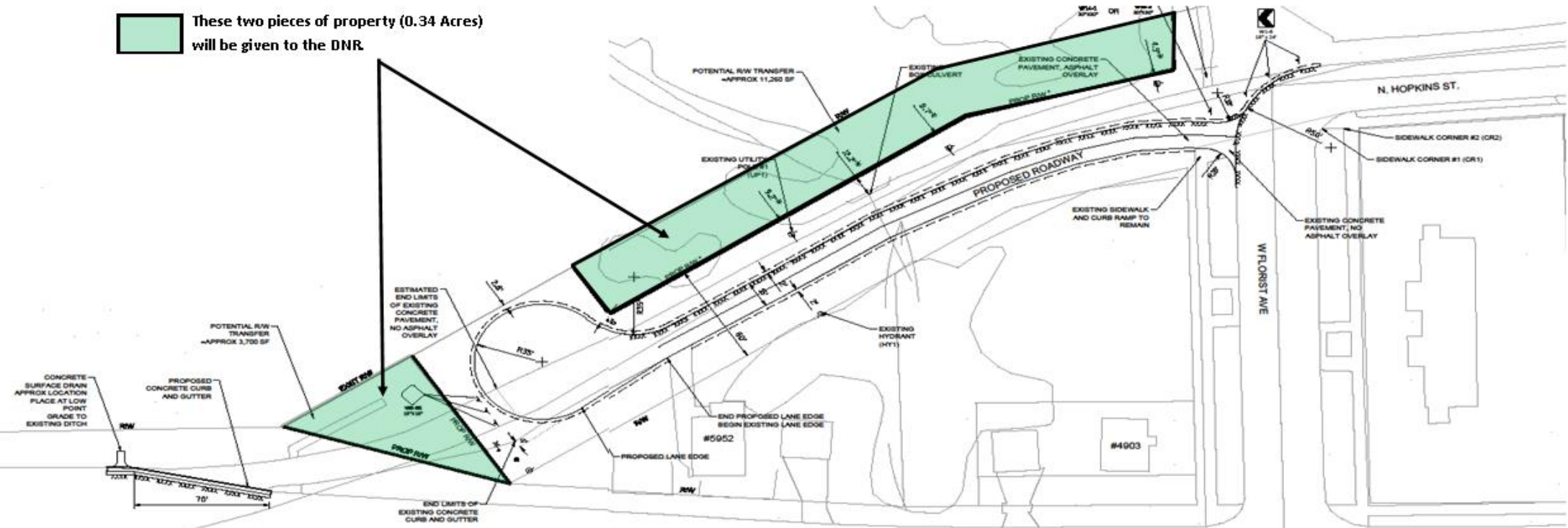
We hope to see you there and we are very excited for the proposed improvements and look forward to working with you and Havenwoods State Park in the future!

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions. I can be reached at 414-257-8957 or via email at donna.brown-martin@milwaukeecountywi.gov



Finalize new street design.

 These two pieces of property (0.34 Acres) will be given to the DNR.



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What we plan to accomplish before Summer 2023

- Finalize the Vacation of Land with the help of the City of Milwaukee and it's residents.
- Obtain a solid design after gaining input from residents that will help deter reckless driving and illegal dumping in the area.
- Finalize all legalities including deed transfers, which are necessary prior to moving forward with construction.



What will result from the completion of these projects

- Newly cultivated partnerships and access via shared utilization of the new parking lot which will be enjoyed by the visitors and neighbors of Havenwoods State Park (Wisconsin's only Urban State Forest) and Schoenecker Park, which is the home of one of Milwaukee's largest Little Leagues NCLL.
- Improved lighting for the baseball fields, parking lot and shop.
- Improved landscape, reduced/eliminated illegal dumping and reckless driving on N. Hopkins St.
- Reactivate and re-energize the maintenance efforts provided to the residents of Milwaukee County's North Region.
- Increased employment opportunities especially for women in the Highway Maintenance field.

and much more...



We appreciate your partnership!

Questions, Concerns, ideas?





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