



# CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION FORM

Incomplete applications will not be processed for Commission review.  
Please print legibly.

1. **HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY OR HISTORIC DISTRICT:** (if known)

**ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:**

2. **NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER:**

Name(s):

Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Email:

Telephone number (area code & number) Daytime:

Evening:

3. **APPLICANT, AGENT OR CONTRACTOR:** (if different from owner)

Name(s):

Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Email:

Telephone number (area code & number) Daytime:

Evening:

4. **ATTACHMENTS:** (Because projects can vary in size and scope, please call the HPC Office at 414-286-5712 for submittal requirements)

**A. REQUIRED FOR MAJOR PROJECTS:**

Photographs of affected areas & all sides of the building (annotated photos recommended)

Sketches and Elevation Drawings (1 full size and 1 reduced to 11" x 17" or 8 1/2" x 11")  
A digital copy of the photos and drawings is also requested.

Material and Design Specifications (see next page)

**B. NEW CONSTRUCTION ALSO REQUIRES:**

Floor Plans (1 full size and 1 reduced to a maximum of 11" x 17")

Site Plan showing location of project and adjoining structures and fences

**PLEASE NOTE: YOUR APPLICATION CANNOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS BOTH PAGES OF THIS FORM ARE PROPERLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED.**

**5. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**

Tell us what you want to do. Describe all proposed work including materials, design, and dimensions. Additional pages may be attached via email.

**6. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:**

*Sarah Toomsen*  
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Signature

Please print or type name

Date

This form and all supporting documentation MUST arrive by 4:00 pm (11:59 pm via email) on the deadline date established to be considered at the next Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. Any information not provided to staff in advance of the meeting will not be considered by the Commission during their deliberation. Please call if you have any questions and staff will assist you.

**Mail or Email Form to:**

Historic Preservation Commission  
City Clerk's Office  
841 N. Broadway, Rm. B1  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**PHONE: (414) 286-5712 or 286-5722**

[hpc@milwaukee.gov](mailto:hpc@milwaukee.gov)

[www.milwaukee.gov/hpc](http://www.milwaukee.gov/hpc)

**Or click the SUBMIT button to automatically email this form for submission.**

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Milwaukee County Parks

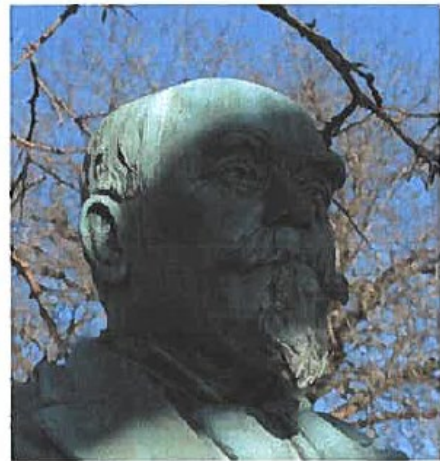
## Proposal for Christian Wahl Bust Relocation to Lake Park

### Basis for Request

In fall of 2020, Milwaukee County Parks renamed the park at 4750 N.48<sup>th</sup> Street from Wahl Park to Harriet Tubman Park. Since this renaming, the Lake Park Friends have spearheaded an effort to relocate the bust of Christian Wahl that is at the Harriet Tubman Park site back to Lake Park, where it had been years ago.

### History of Christian Wahl

Christian Wahl was a wealthy businessman often referred to as the father of Milwaukee's public parks because he led most of the planning of the county's park system. Wahl was born in Bavaria in 1829 and moved with his family to a farm 5 miles south of Milwaukee in 1848. Wahl was president of the first City Park Board in the board's first decade. His strong leadership was instrumental in the development of the city's park system and he took a deep personal interest in the completion of Lake Park.



### Sculpture Information

**Gaetano Trentanove (Italian, American 1858-1937)**

***Christian Wahl*, a bronze bust 'portrait' sculpture, 1903**

32 in tall x 25 in wide x 18 in deep  
Solid red granite base 72 inches tall  
Signature inscribed on the rear of the collar with signature and date 1903

Condition: Good. Patina has caused the sculpture to naturally oxidize, and 'green'.



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Dedicated July 13, 1903. Relocated 1960. *Christian Wahl* was originally sited in Lake Park, in Milwaukee's East Side in 1903. It was moved to Wahl Park, located in Milwaukee's North Side, in 1960. In September 2020, the Milwaukee County Board changed the name of the park to Harriet Tubman Park in honor of the well-known abolitionist.

The bronze bust of Christian Wahl depicts a kindly balding older gentleman sporting a beard and mustache, and wearing an overcoat, suit and tie. The sculpture sits on a red granite base with an inscription on the back stating: **"He gave/ his ripest years and study/ to the parks/ rewarded alive/ by/ grateful remembrance"**. This inscription is signed There is an inscription on the front of the base that states: **In memory of Christian Wahl/ born 1829/ died October 193**



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Proposed New Location:

N Wahl Ave and E Bellevue Place, facing southwest (X Below)

