

6204 West Appleton Avenue Phytoremediation Project Status Update (September 11, 2008)

Assessment & Remediation

- City foreclosed and took ownership through In-Rem proceedings August 13, 2007.
- Site assessment was completed this summer:
 - Soil: limited lead and PAH impacts in surface soils; petroleum residuals in former tank area.
 - Groundwater: residual petroleum impact is delineated and no impacts were found in the groundwater off-site.
- Phytoremediation System Design Report was revised and finalized in August 2008 (see attached figures)
- The Site Investigation Report & Remedial Action Plan is currently under simultaneous review by WDNR (for surface issues) and Dept. of Commerce (for UST issues).

Funding

- For assessment and report preparation, we have been using RACM's EPA Petroleum Assessment Grant funds.
- For the phytoremediation system installation we would like to apply for a Brownfields Green Space and Public Facilities Grant from the WDNR. We would request \$50,000 in grant funds and provide the required 20% (\$10,000) match from our brownfields development fund.
- This grant requires a deed restriction that keeps the land in public use for 20 years.
- *We would like you to sponsor a grant resolution for introduction at the 9/16 Common Council meeting (see attached resolution materials).*

Maintenance

- We have been working with Groundwork Milwaukee and Milwaukee Community Service Corps as well as with DPW to establish a maintenance plan for the site. The plan will include litter pickup, watering, mowing, pruning, and fertilization.
- We will likely enter into a formal maintenance agreement with Groundwork Milwaukee for site maintenance for a limited number of years.
- *What have been your constituents' comments on the current site maintenance?*

Community Involvement

- We have begun preliminary design for an educational sign for the site.
- *We welcome you input on how best to efficiently, but effectively, reach out to the neighborhood to introduce this project.*