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Certificate of Appropriateness

Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission/200 E. Wells Street/Milwaukee, WI 53202/phone 414-286-5712/fax 414-286-3004

626 E. NORTH AV. **Description of work** Forestry will plant a Centennial Tree Collection with 100 new trees to showcase urban tolerant trees used in street and boulevard tree planting. The legacy planting will serve as an educational resource for the community to demonstrate urban trees with a variety of characteristics. The Centennial Tree Collection will be located at Kilbourn Park. The south portion of the historic park, south of North Avenue, provides an opportunity to create a tree collection comprised of existing, mature trees and newly planted trees. The Centennial Tree Collection will include 100 newly planted tree species and incorporate 17 existing tree species located onsite. The Centennial Tree Collection will be planted in groves or groups by tree species including Maple, Flowering Ornamental, Hybrid Elm, North Avenue planting, Understory, Lowland, Linden & Locust, Grand, Conifer, Flowering Crabapple, Ornamental Pear and Commerce Street planting. Each grove of trees will include multiple cultivars of the identified tree species or multiple species with similar characteristics. The Centennial Tree Collection will reflect the diversity of tree species and cultivars planted on city streets, boulevards, green spaces, and other public right-of-way spaces. These trees are appropriate for Milwaukee's climate and suitable for residential use. Residents will be able to see over 100 tree varieties in a landscape setting at a single location. Kilbourn Park is centrally located and recognized as a visual landmark, making it an ideal site for the tree collection. The park is a unifying influence as it brings together people from diverse neighborhoods to experience and enjoy nature. No trees will be planted on the reservoir portion of the park, north of North Avenue.

While much of south Kilbourn Park is comprised of rolling terrain and open grassy meadows that have remained significantly unchanged over time, the park includes an inventory of 98 existing trees that contribute to the character of the space and offer valuable benefits. The park's trees improve air and water quality, enhance human health, increase public safety, and provide wildlife habitat among many other benefits. The Centennial Tree Collection aims to restore historic tree canopy and enhance park function and aesthetics while honoring its historical significance. As one of the city's earliest green spaces, the Centennial Tree Collection will protect the park's trademark open, rolling hills and panoramic city views. New trees will be planted primarily along the park perimeter and will not obstruct view sheds of the Milwaukee River and Milwaukee skyline.

Date issued

4/10/2018

PTS ID 114479 COA: groves of trees

In accordance with the provisions of Section 320-21 (11) and (12) of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, the Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission has issued a certificate of appropriateness for the work listed above. The work was found to be consistent with preservation guidelines. The following conditions apply to this certificate of appropriateness:

N/A

All work must be done in a craftsman-like manner, and must be completed within one year of the date this certificate was issued. Staff must approve any changes or additions to this certificate before work begins. Work that is not completed in accordance with this certificate may be subject to correction orders or citations. If you require technical assistance, please contact Historic Preservation staff as follows: Phone: (414) 286-5712 E-mail: HPC@milwaukee.gov.

If permits are required, you are responsible for obtaining them from the Milwaukee Development Center. If you have questions about permit requirements, please consult the Development Center's web site, <u>www.milwaukee.gov/build</u>, or call (414) 286-8210.

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City of Milwaukee Historic Preservation Staff Copies to: Development Center, Ald. Milele Coggs, Contractor, Inspector Paul Wolfgramm (286-2590)

