# SITE CONTROL REPORT COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE

# DATE

November 2, 2018

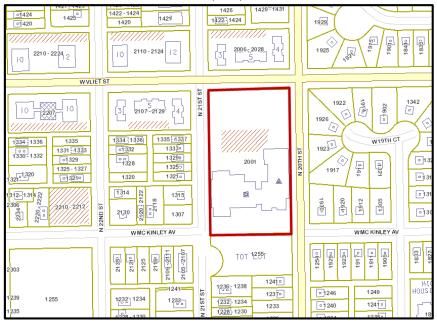
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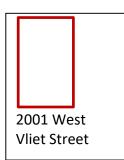
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### PARCEL ADDRESS AND DESCRIPTION

The City-owned parcel located at 2001 West Vliet Street (the "Property") has an area of approximately 95,988 square feet. The Property is zoned RT4. The Property is improved with a 60,000 square-foot building. The building was originally constructed in 1885, with additional portions built in later years. The Property is located in the Midtown neighborhood and is within the Near West area plan, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District. The Property is a former Milwaukee Public

School location known as both the William McKinley School and the Fifteenth District School. Milwaukee Public Schools sold the Property to V.E. Carter Child **Development Corporation** in 1991, which operated a school and day-care facility at the location until 2013. The Property was designated as a City of Milwaukee Historic Site in September of 2014, due to its unique design and prominence within the neighborhood. The Property was acquired by the City of Milwaukee through in rem tax foreclosure in July of 2016.







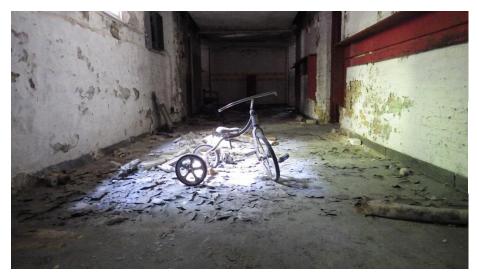
# SITE CONDITIONS

The Property was fire damaged in November of 2013 and has not been occupied since that time. A condemnation order was issued by the Department of Neighborhood Services. The site has fallen into disrepair and requires significant renovation as well as environmental remediation. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources identified multiple hazards within the building and confirmed that entry should not occur to the Property until the hazards are contained and/or removed. The Department of City Development ("DCD") has been working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and a contractor of the EPA since April of 2017 to remediate environmental hazards within the building on the Property. Due to the raze order on the premises and the significant environmental concerns, the Property poses significant redevelopment challenges.



Above: 2001 West Vliet Street – North elevation

Below: Site condition photos



Interior hallway photo, 2001 West Vliet Street Interior hallway, 2001 West Vliet Street





Mechanical Room, 2001 West Vliet Street



Fire damage, 2001 West Vliet Street



Fire damaged area, airborne particles present 2001 West Vliet Street

Friable asbestos containing pipe insulation, 2001 West Vliet Street



### POTENTIAL BUYER

Gorman and Company, Inc. or a successor or assignee of Gorman and Company, Inc. ("Gorman"). With multiple home offices throughout the United States, Gorman specializes in meeting community needs through unique developments with high-quality amenities. Formed by Chief Executive Officer Gary Gorman in 1984, Gorman focuses on providing affordable multifamily housing in both rural and urban settings. Previous historic renovation projects include the Jackie Robinson School in Milwaukee that was renovated into senior housing and the Red Brick School in Oregon, Wisconsin, which serves as Gorman's Wisconsin headquarters.

### POTENTIAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

If Gorman develops the project, development will include completing required environmental remediation and renovating the existing building on the Property into an affordable housing development, consistent with its past renovations of former school properties throughout the Midwest. Gorman has been investigating the feasibility of this project since 2017, due to the significant challenges posed by the development site. An extended letter of site control will be required to complete all required due diligence and to apply for financing.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SITE CONTROL

The site control letter shall be in effect until December 31, 2019. The City may extend the site control letter for up to three six-month periods, based upon the Buyer's written request and DCD-approval of a satisfactory progress report.

If DCD approves or tentatively approves any Gorman submittal, DCD shall prepare a resolution and a Land Disposition Report for Common Council consideration. If the file is approved by the Common Council, closing will be contingent upon all necessary public bodies, including, but not limited to, DCD approval of the Buyer's site plan, building elevations and the Buyer providing firm financing for the development. Conveyance will be by quit claim deed on an "as is, where is" basis. The Property will be sold as taxable property.