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Soon To Be In Bloom: Vacant Lots Eyed For Community Gardens

Proposal Will Clear Way for Riverwest Lots to be Sold to Non-profit Group

Two city-owned vacant lots in Riverwest would be preserved as green community gardens under a Common Council proposal proffered by Ald. Michael S. D'Amato and slated for approval at tomorrow's Council meeting.

The two parcels – 519-521 E. Wright St. and 525 E. Wright St. (located just east of N. Holton St.) – would be sold to Milwaukee Urban Gardens, Inc. under a proposed offer to purchase from that non-profit group, Ald. D'Amato said. “This transaction would ensure that these lots are preserved not only as green space but that they are also maintained as true community gardens to be enjoyed by neighborhood residents for many decades to come,” Ald. D'Amato said.

Founded in 2000, Milwaukee Urban Gardens acquires and preserves land and partners with neighborhood residents to develop and maintain community gardens to enhance the quality of life. So far the group has purchased, preserved and established community gardens on three properties, and has been working with Green Folks Garden of Riverwest to acquire and establish the Wright St. parcels as community garden plots.

Tomorrow's Council meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the third floor Common Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. Media coverage is encouraged.