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PLANNING BOULEVARDS OF THE FUTURE

Town Hall Meeting to Discuss Landscaping Options

The City of Milwaukee has 120 miles of irrigated and landscaped boulevards, an investment that dates back to the 1920s. But the look of many boulevards is about to change.

The boulevard system was designed based on a customer service philosophy that was responsive to residents, and **Ald. Terry L. Witkowski** is urging residents of the 13th Aldermanic District to continue their involvement and attend a **Town Hall meeting to discuss a new strategic plan for long-term management of the boulevards** called *Sustainable Boulevards*. It's the first meeting involving city Forestry officials held specifically to discuss the long-term plan.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Robert A. Anderson Municipal Building, 4001 S. 6th St. Media coverage is welcome.

Sustainable Boulevards calls for:

- * Removal of low impact flower and shrub beds to be replaced with grass and trees.
- * Installation of highly visual signature landscape beds at historic/landmark gateways and major intersections throughout the city.
- * Planting of shade, ornamental and evergreen trees to increase tree canopy in connecting boulevard segments.
- * Conversion to an automated irrigation system to save operating costs.

“The 13th District is among those areas of the city that has a visually striking boulevard system that adds value and quality of life for its citizens, but the system is facing ever greater challenges in the face of growing fiscal constraints,” said Ald. Witkowski. “Change is difficult but tough choices must be made by the Common Council, and it’s important to me that citizens learn about this innovative proposal and voice their opinions on the future of the boulevard system,” the alderman said.