



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors *Supervisor Jason Haas, 14th District*

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Supervisor Haas Applauds Highway 41 Historic Garden Moving Forward

MILWAUKEE – The County Board’s Parks Committee today unanimously recommended a [development and maintenance agreement](#) between the Parks Department and [South 27th Street Business District Association](#) to create the Highway 41 Historic Garden in Wilson Park.

“Highway 41 Historic Garden will be an incredible addition to Wilson Park,” said Supervisor Jason Haas. “The garden will draw more people to enjoy the park and nearby businesses. It will be a new point of pride for the neighborhood and give senior center attendees something new to enjoy. Thank you to the 27th Street BID, the Parks Department, and the Parks Committee for bringing this project one step closer to reality.”

The [proposed design](#) commemorates the historic Highway 41 area’s growth and development in the 1950s as well as the classic car shows held in the area. Classic cars painted and designed by local artists would be placed throughout the garden. It would also feature new pathways, perennial and wildflower gardens, new trees, picnic tables, and benches. Highway 41 Historic Garden will be the first addition to Wilson Park’s landscape in at least 10 years. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2022.

Under the proposal, the South 27th Street Business District Association would make \$30,000 worth of improvements to the park and fully maintain those improvements for the duration of the agreement. The initial term would last three years with the option for three additional three-year term renewals by mutual agreement.

The South 27th Street Business District Association and Supervisor Haas collaborated in January to bring new [bus shelter panels](#) to three bus stops along 27th Street. Five more sets of panels will be installed at additional stops this spring.

The County Board will consider the Highway 41 Historic Garden proposal at its Thursday, May 20 [meeting](#).

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