



Presentation to the Domes Task Force

July 11, 2019

Recommendations Summary

- 1. Over the next ten years, implement a capital and operating approach that will be the foundation for a sustained, dynamic Mitchell Park and Domes for the next 50 years, placing it on par with important Milwaukee cultural destinations such as the Zoo and Milwaukee Public Museum.
- 2. Rehabilitate the historic Domes as architectural icons for Milwaukee, positioning the Domes, through its iconic architecture, to be on the National Historic Register.
- 3. Maintain the valued plant collection housed in the Domes as a foundation for animating the programming of the Domes, to make the experience relevant to today's Milwaukee community.
- 4. Build upon the Task Force's Phase 1's "eco-Dome" concept: expand this to three eco-domes that each become the context for telling multiple stories through changing exhibitions: The Deserts of the World Dome; Rainforests of the World Dome; and "Our World" Dome, which may also become the Wisconsin Center for Urban Horticulture. Use these changing, culturally relevant exhibitions to again make the Domes and Mitchell Park a place of wonder and fun, learning and exploration, involvement and community.
- 5. Re-envision all of Mitchell Park as closely linked to the Domes, shaping an urban horticultural destination. Making the Domes successful requires building the Park for success indoors and outdoors.
- 6. Adopt a Park and Domes mission that adds people to plants: "connecting and inspiring people through the world of plants."

Making this Possible: Important Elements for the Task Force to Discuss



1. The Success Model includes both "Targeted," "Eco-Dome," and More.

Targeted Investment

- Address deferred maintenance.
- Add key additions and new construction to increase the functionality of the Domes complex, including classrooms, offices, meeting space, storage, ADA.
- Improve/expand guest entrance, ticketing sequence and group arrival areas.
- Add improved retail space and food service with small seating area.
- Improve connections to Greenhouses and Annex. Enhance annex as a venue for facility rentals, add catering kitchen and air conditioning.
- Increase parking capacity and site wayfinding, improved connections to park and trail.
- Operating enhancements: staff, operations, programs, education, and partnership.
- Increased role for Friends of the Dome.

EcoDome Destination

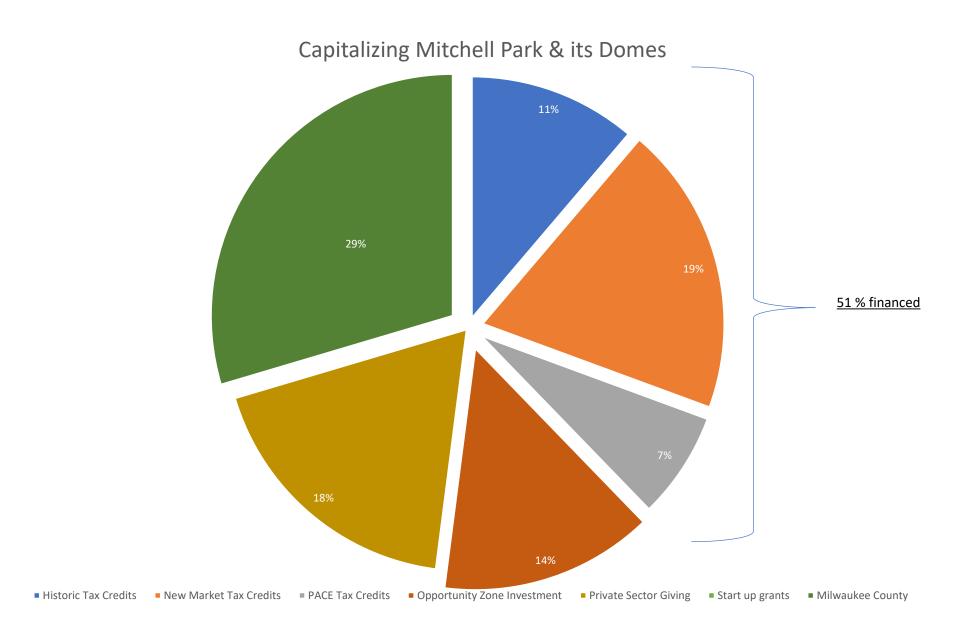
- Address deferred maintenance.
- Support targeted investments (per above)
- Add new immersive Ecological Habitat Zone and other enhancements
- Add exterior gardens and activity space.

Required Additional Success Elements

- Partnerships for deep and constant programming and service
- Restaurant, Pavilion Event Venue, Wedding Garden, Children's Garden, Centers for Health & Learning, additional gardens, roadways.
- Operating and revenue model that pays down up-front financing from non-traditional capital plan
- Utilizing most of the Park as an urban horticultural center while providing community park elements.
- Being a provider of workforce development education, community involvement and education, an economic hub and a provider of increased quality jobs.



2. Capitalizing the Domes and Park with limited Milwaukee County funding requires a whole new way of thinking.



Carries many responsibilities



Revenue Item	Pro Forma Estimate
HTC	\$ 6,500,000
NMTC	\$11,000,000
OZ Investment	\$ 8,000,000
PACE	\$ 4,000,000
Private Sector Capital Campaign	\$14,500,000
Start up Grants	\$ 1,000,000
County/Other	\$17,900,000
TOTAL	\$62,900,000

Expense Item	Pro Forma Estimate
Domes rehabilitation	\$30,000,000
New buildings, additions, spaces	\$ 12,500,000
Landscape/Gardens and	\$ 3,500,000
installation	
Professional fees	\$ 6,000,000
Temporary facilities and moving	\$ 900,000
costs	
Exhibits build out/indoors and out	\$ 3,000,000
Infrastructure and green Park	\$ 2,500,000
Conservation	
FF&E	\$ 600,000
Soft costs	\$ 900,000
Ramp up Operations, Domes and	\$ 2,000,000
Park	
Owner's Contingency	\$ 1,000,000
TOTAL	\$62,900,000

¹¹ This does not include reinstalling the tennis courts or a soccer field. It only addresses the Domes and gardens.

The Rewards and Realities of Capital Financing.

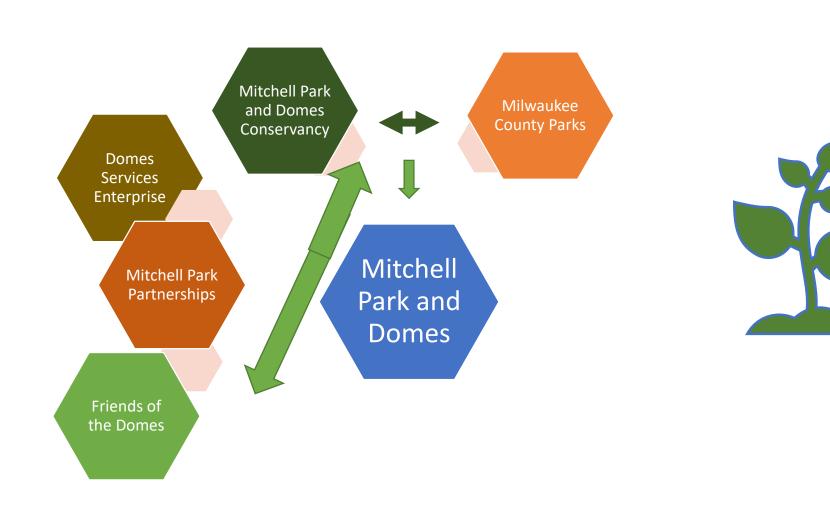
- HTC. \$6.5 Million
- Direct Investment into Project.
- But, only comes in when Building placed "in service" so a short-term loan will be required.
- Project sells the HTC at a discount.
- HTC requires a legal flowthrough model.
- Only the "architecturally significant" Domes building eligible.

- NMTC. \$11 Million
- Partial investment (39%); balance is loan that has to be repaid in 10 years.
- Requires an operating plan that addresses community needs: workforce development, quality jobs, economic advantages.

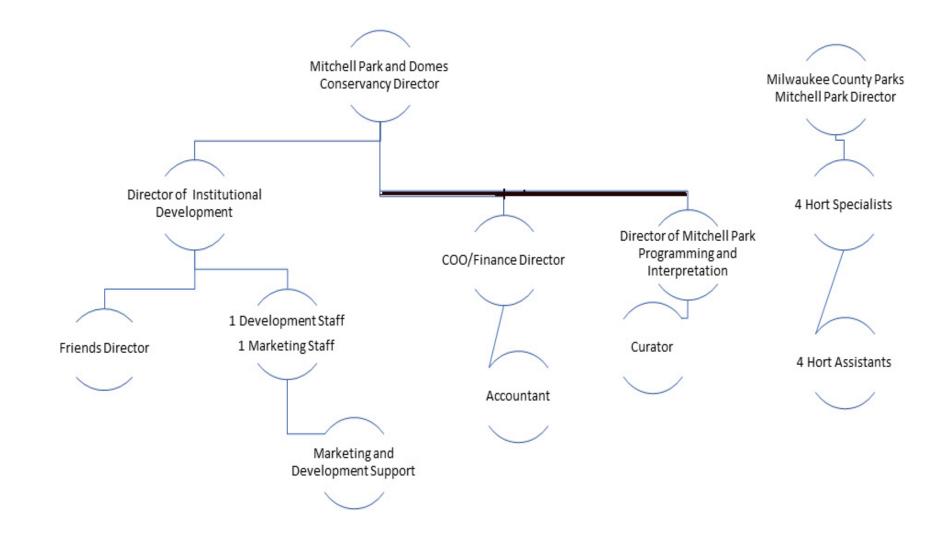
- Opportunity Zone (OZ Investment) \$8 Million
- Requires repayment within 10 years.

- PACE. \$4 Million
- Requires repayment over 20 years.

3. Driving this for Capital and Operations Takes a New Approach: All in this Together



Potential Operating Structure



4. Essential: A Revenue Budget that Aggressively Ramps-up

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	Revenue	2020		2021	/	2022	2023		2024	4	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		
	Admissions	\$ 950,	,000.00	\$	900,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,35	350,000.00	\$	1,500,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	0 \$1,600,000.00	0 \$1,650,000.00	0 \$1,700,000.00	0 \$1,700,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00	0 \$1,800,000.00	1	,
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	NMTC/OZ Ramp up non capital costs/staff and operations			\$	500,000.00			300,000.00		(Program Ramp U	
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5. Essential, an Operating Model that Produces the Net Revenue to Pay Down Loans and Provide for Working Reserves/Working Capital

Expense	2020	2021		2022	2023	2024	1	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		
Conservancy Staff		\$	500,000.00	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 850,000.00	\$	900,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,150,000.00	\$1,150,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,300,000.00	\$1,300,000.00	\$1,300,000.00		
Domes Services	\$ 150,000.00	\$	130,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$	175,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 225,000.00		
Marketing/support MPPartnerships	\$ 150,000.00	\$	45,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$	80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00		
Cost of Milw. Park staff	\$ 485,000.00	\$	500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$	500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00		
Utilities	\$ 300,000.00	\$	300,000.00	\$ 265,000.00	\$ 260,000.00	\$	250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00		
Plants and botanical cost	\$ 520,000.00	\$	600,000.00	\$ 620,000.00	\$ 700,000.00	\$	650,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00		
Ramp up expenses: fees, contracts, services	\$ 800,000.00	\$	800,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$	500,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 100,000.00		
Operating costs, programs and															10-year reserves and	
services	\$ 75,000.00	\$	275,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$	350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 370,000.00	Ioan repay	
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TOTAL	\$ 2,330,000.00	\$	3,150,000.00	\$ 3,595,000.00	\$ 3,900,000.00	\$	4,505,000.00	\$4,860,000.00	\$4,900,000.00	\$5,130,000.00	\$5,310,000.00	\$5,410,000.00	\$5,735,000.00	\$5,735,000.00		
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variance allowance	\$ 130,000.00	\$	175,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$	50,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 975,000.00	interest

6. Move Rapidly into Next Steps

This plan envisions the balance of 2020 and into the first months of 2021 as transition and planning time.

Tasks include:

- 1. Establish a high-level civic leadership committee to move the plan toward implementation.
- 2. Establish the legal structures that support the receipt of tax credits and OZ investment.
- 3. Establish the legal structure and governance oversight for the proposed Conservancy.
- 4. Develop and establish the structure for Mitchell Park Partnerships and define what each party brings to the Partnerships and receives from the Partnerships.

 Develop a financial and operating plan for the Partnerships that supports the multi-year vision and budget.
- 5. Develop and establish the structure for Domes Services and define what is included, the legal relationship of the entities, and the operating and financial plan.
- 6. Apply for and gain transition grants from national sources that may include the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Kresge Foundation, Argosy Foundation, and others.
- 7. Fund and complete the architectural, engineering, and landscape architectural plans for the Park.
- 8. Secure commitment for and advance the water stewardship water recirculation plan for the Park.
- 9. Ensure that the Domes become listed on the National Historic Register.
- 10. Put together the package of HTC, NMTC, OZ investment, and PACE as well as any other funding/financing mechanisms to begin Phase 1 construction in 2021.
- 11. Hire initial staff for the Conservancy.
- 12. Conduct a full capital campaign study. Launch campaign with leadership gifts.

Discussion

