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(ITEM) A resolution by Supervisors Lipscomb, Sr., Taylor, Broderick, Haas, Jursik, Dimitrijevic, Romo West, and Cullen, supporting the protection of Milwaukee County parks and parkland, opposing the sale of any parks or parkland, opposing the sale of any parks lacking the designated zoning as parkland, and seeking immediate parkland rezoning of identified park properties, by recommending the adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there are existing parcels of Milwaukee County (County) land used for the function of public park space or parkland that are not currently zoned as parks; and

WHEREAS, 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 granted the County Executive the authority to sell any County land that is not zoned as a park; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of January 29, 2016, recommended adoption of this resolution (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, it is the policy of Milwaukee County (the County) to protect parks and parkland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is the policy of the County to oppose the sale of any of the 43 parcels of the County’s parkland that have been identified in this file as lacking local zoning as parkland, making them eligible for sale by the County Executive, without public scrutiny or oversight from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, and the Office of Corporation Counsel are authorized and requested to seek the immediate rezoning of 43 parcels as parkland by a process that is required within the respective cities and villages where they are located.