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Date: June 26, 2017  
To: Jason Haas, Chair, Parks, Energy and Environment Committee  
From: John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director, Milwaukee County Parks  
Subject: **Fund Transfer Request to add Grant Funding to WO086 – Milwaukee River Parkway Reconstruction Project (INFORMATION)**

**ISSUE**

Informational report on the Fund Transfer Request to recognize grant funding for improvements to Kletzsch Park including dam fish passage, trail access and overlook.

**BACKGROUND**

An appropriation transfer is requested by Milwaukee County Parks and the Department of Administrative Services to recognize grant funding for improvements to Kletzsch Park including dam fish passage, trail access and overlook. The sources of funding are grants from the EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI), Fund for Lake Michigan (FFLM), and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Stewardship program. Previous Board authorization to apply for these grants are as follows:

- File 16-533;
- File 16-207; and
- File 15-297.

The funds are requested to be recognized as part of Capital Project WO086 – Milwaukee River Parkway Reconstruction for the following reasons:

- The fish passage will be constructed on the west side of the Milwaukee River as part of Kletzsch Dam;
- The river access and overlook will be constructed on the west bank of the Milwaukee River adjacent to the fish passage and dam;
- The existing capital funding from WO086 was identified as the local match for the river access and overlook work;
- A ramp to the river will be rough graded and used as construction access for the fish passage work;
- Fish passage will need to be completed prior to completion of the river access trail and overlook work; and,

- The river access trail and overlook work will utilize the construction access and be part of the restoration work for the west bank after fish passage is complete.

The proposed scope for the fish passage grant funding is to design and construct the fish passage structure. The total estimated cost for the fish passage is \$750,000. Parks has been awarded \$550,000 in GLRI funding and \$200,000 in FFLM funding for the project. These two grants were awarded without a local match requirement; therefore, no Milwaukee County funds will be required for fish passage.

The proposed scope for the trail access and overlook grant is to rehabilitate approximately 6,900 feet of trail in the Milwaukee River Parkway between Bender Road and Good Hope Road and for access improvements and an overlook along the west bank of the Milwaukee River in Kletsch Park. A portion of this work has already been completed as part of Capital Project WO086 – Milwaukee River Parkway Reconstruction. The total project cost is \$461,680.66, of which \$229,536 is WDNR Stewardship grant along with \$232,144.66 of Milwaukee County matching funds. The WDNR Stewardship program requires a 50% local match, which has already been funded from Project WO086 – Milwaukee River Parkway Reconstruction.

There are no new County funds being added to this project as part of the fund transfer request.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

No action requested. Informational item unless further action required.

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**Approved by:**

  
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John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director

Attachment:

Attachment 1 – Site Map

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