

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: June 21, 2024

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director for Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Authorization to grant the City of Milwaukee Water Works a Permanent Easement for a water main at Washington Park

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to grant the City of Milwaukee Water Works a Permanent Easement for a water main near Lisbon Avenue and 40th Street for the Urban Ecology Center at Washington Park.

POLICY

§ 59.17(2)(b)3., Wis. Stats., states that the “county board may continue to exercise the authority under s. 59.52(6) with regard to land that is zoned as a park...”. In the law of property, authority over “land” includes authority over all rights appurtenant to the land.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	§ 59.17(2)(b)3.
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

BACKGROUND

Milwaukee County Parks (MCP) frequently coordinates with Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) for the purpose of utility services both to Parks facilities and across parkland. The service being requested is at the request of MCP to have Urban Ecology Center separate its utilities for its new building at Washington Park as follows:

- UEC Building: New water service is being provided for two reasons: 1) the existing service via MWW distribution system is not large enough to serve the needs of the expanded facility and 2) the County requested the new service be supplied from the utility in lieu of the City/County system. The service will be metered independent of the County’s service in the park.

New services are installed will be install by MWW and their contractors, and permission for installation work is granted through the Parks Right-of-Entry permit process.

Granting the permanent easement is necessary for the long-term operation of the utility on Park property and requires authorization from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive.

No fees are charged as this is a mutually beneficial project for MCP and UEC.

Related File No's:	23-523 , 22-922 , 19-227 , 18-495
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability

FISCAL EFFECT

None

TERMS

The easement is permanent.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Easement
- Aerial Map
- Power Point

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