

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks requesting authorization to apply for and accept State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Grant, by recommending adoption of the following:

## A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program (the Grant Program), specified in Sections 23.097(1g) and (1r), Wisconsin State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the DNR is seeking to fund projects through its Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Program is designed to support projects and programs that improve a community's capacity to manage its trees; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is seeking Grant Program funding for the purchase of trees, to expedite planting efforts mitigating the impacts of trees removed due to diseases such as Emerald Ash Borer; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Program will expand the capacity of DPRC's forestry operations, increase the amount of funding towards tree purchasing, improve the ability of DPRC to replace trees removed due to Emerald Ash Borer, increase tree diversity, and implement forestry management plans; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is \$50,000, with a DNR share of \$25,000 and a local match of \$25,000, provided through the existing forestry budget and in-kind in the form of staff time; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Grant Program requirements, DPRC identifies the Operations Manager, Land Resource Division, as the Authorized Representative to complete the following:

- sign and submit the Grant Program application
- sign a Grant Program Agreement (the Agreement) between Milwaukee County and the DNR
- submit interim and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the Agreement
- submit Grant Program Reimbursement Requests to the DNR
- sign and submit other required documentation

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WHEREAS, DPRC attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the Grant Program application; and

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WHEREAS, DPRC requests an Agreement to carry out the project; and

WHEREAS, projects may start no earlier than January 1, 2026, and must be completed by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Director, DPRC, recommends that DPRC be authorized to apply for and accept 2026 DNR Grant Program funds identified above; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of July 8, 2025, recommended adoption of File No. 25-457 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) will comply with all local, State of Wisconsin (the State), and Federal rules, regulations, and ordinances relating to State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program (the Grant Program) and the cost-share Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is hereby authorized to apply for and accept 2026 State DNR Grant Program funds identified above.

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