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Date: January 15, 2013
To: Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
From: James Keegan, Interim Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture
Subject: **Authorization to Submit Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Control Grant Application – ACTION**

POLICY

The Interim Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC), is seeking authorization to submit an Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Control (AIS) grant application.

BACKGROUND

The presence of invasive aquatic species in Wisconsin's waterways can have widespread effects that threaten our native species, alter our ecosystems and affect our state's economy and recreational activities. The State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources established procedures pursuant to WI state statutes Chapter 23.22 Invasive Species, sub (2)(c), to award grants to assist with the cost of projects to control invasive species in Wisconsin's waterways. There is approximately \$4 million available and municipalities are eligible to apply.

AIS focuses on three (3) priority areas that include:

- Education, prevention and planning
- Early detection and response
- Controlling established infestations

AIS is particularly interested in assisting local efforts in providing:

- Information and education on the types of existing and potential aquatic invasive species in Wisconsin
- Information on the threats they pose for the state's aquatic resources
- Information on the techniques available for their control

- Planning and conducting projects that will prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species into waters where they currently are not present
- Controlling and reducing the risk of spread from waters where they are present
- Restoring native aquatic communities

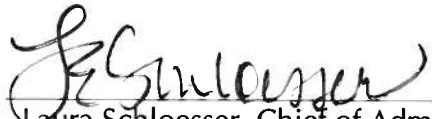
AIS grants provide 75% funding and operate on a reimbursement basis. Direct costs, volunteer labor and donated services are eligible for reimbursement and can be used as the grantee's 25% match.

RECOMMENDATION

The Interim Parks Director respectfully recommends that the DPRC be authorized to submit Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Control grant applications, and to undertake all actions and activities necessary to accept and implement AIS grant awards offered to Milwaukee County.

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