

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: October 1, 2021

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

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Wisconsin Policy Forum Report “Sinking Treasure: A look at the Milwaukee County Parks’ troubled finances and potential solutions”

File Type: Informational Report

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**REQUEST**

This report is informational, there is no request at this time.

**BACKGROUND**

A report from the Wisconsin Policy Forum outlining potential long-term funding options and opportunities to sustain the Milwaukee County Parks system.

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**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

- 2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity
- 2B: Break down silos across County government to maximize access to and quality of services offered
- 2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions
- 3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities
- 3B: Enhance the County’s fiscal health and sustainability
- 3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

**FISCAL EFFECT**

None

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

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Report

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