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## October Board Cycle

**Milwaukee County Parks**  
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Date: September 25, 2019  
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors  
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks  
Subject: **Retroactive Authorization to Apply for 2020 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant - ACTION**

### Issue

Retroactive authorization to apply for 2020 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant.

### Background

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers the Urban Forestry Grant under Wisconsin State Statute 23.097 and Chapter NR 47.

The DNR's Urban Forestry Grant program is designed to support projects and programs that improve a community's capacity to manage its trees. Toward that end, the Parks Department seeks Urban Forestry Grant support to develop a community tree program in efforts to mitigate the impacts of trees removed due to diseases, such as Emerald Ash Borer. The program will expand capacity of the Parks' forestry operations by:

- Engaging the community in the process of tree replacement and tree maintenance.
- Improving the ability for Parks to replace trees removed due to Emerald Ash Borer.
- Increasing tree diversity and implementing forestry management plans.

The estimated cost of the project is \$50,000 with a DNR share of \$25,000 and a local match of \$25,000, which will be provided through friends group contributions, the existing forestry budget, and in-kind in the form of staff time.

In accordance with grant requirements, Milwaukee County Parks identifies the Operations Manager – Land Resource Division as the Authorized Representative to complete the following:

- Sign and submit the grant application;



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- Sign a grant agreement between Milwaukee County Parks and the DNR;
- Submit interim and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement;
- Submit grant reimbursement request to the DNR;
- Sign and submit other required documentation.

Projects may start no earlier than January 1, 2020 and must be completed by December 31, 2020. Urban Forestry Grants were due on October 1, 2019. Hence, this is a retroactive request for authorization to apply.

### Recommendation

Retroactively authorize Parks to apply for the 2020 Urban Forestry Grant project identified above.

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Approved By: Guy Smith, Executive Director



### Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Resolution
- Attachment 2 – Fiscal Note

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