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(ITEM ) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to apply for one or more United States Fish and Wildlife Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Joint Venture Habitat Restoration and Protection grants, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Joint Venture funds are targeted towards improving fish and wildlife habitat and their populations within watersheds of "areas of concern" wherever possible, as a coordinated effort between the Service's Coastal, Joint Venture, and Partners for Fish and Wildlife Programs; and

WHEREAS, projects that occur within known bird migration stopover sites should be highlighted; and

WHEREAS, the required grant match is 25% and can be in-kind (staff time or volunteer time); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) grant proposal would focus on two years of invasive species removal and wildlife habitat improvement projects at South Shore, Bay View, Sheridan, Warnimont, Grant, and Bender Parks; and

WHEREAS, DPRC would be requesting \$169,436 in grant funding for the project, and the grant match would be existing staff and community volunteer resources; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of April 15, 2014, recommended adoption of the Department's request (vote 7-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of April 17, 2014, also recommended adoption of the Department's request (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to apply for one or more Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Joint Venture grants.