

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 13, 2024

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

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director for Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Sanitary Sewer Easement with the City of Milwaukee along Lincoln Memorial Drive

File Type: Informational Report

REQUEST

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, providing an informational report on a draft easement with the City of Milwaukee to repair, upgrade, operate and maintain a sanitary sewer along Lincoln Memorial Drive.

POLICY

59.17(2)(b)3., Wis. Stats., states that the “county board may continue to exercise the authority under s. 59.52(6) with regard to land that is zoned as a park...”. In the law of property, authority over “land” includes authority over all rights appurtenant to the land.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	§ 59.17(2)(b)3
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

BACKGROUND

The City of Milwaukee is planning for sanitary sewer improvements to the main currently located in Lincoln Memorial Drive. Work will consist of relaying or using cured-in-place lining for the 8” sanitary line runs roughly between the pump station at Bradford Beach to E Kenwood Blvd, near the Lake Park Service Yard. Approximately 1 mile of sewer will be addressed, and pavement impacts will be minimized to the extent possible, though some sections of path and the roadway of Lincoln Memorial Drive are included in the alignment.

Sewer infrastructure in this area of Milwaukee is approaching 100 years old and serves park assets as well as other municipal customers. This sewer predates the transfer of Lake Park and other lakefront lands to Milwaukee County, and easement documentation has not been located related to this existing utility. The current easement proposal provides mutual terms for this public infrastructure and defines the path forward for the City to fund and carry out capital investment work on the sanitary sewer system.

As a customer of this exiting infrastructure line, and due to coordination and collaboration between City and County staff on adjacent storm sewer matters, no fee is proposed to be leveraged for this project. The proposed easement will provide the land rights to install, operate and maintain the sewer at no cost to the County. The City and Parks have met to ensure that the potential impacts to County parkland from the proposed improvements within the subject area are minimal. All areas disturbed by the construction, operation or maintenance of the subject areas will be restored to Parks' specifications at no cost to the County. Appropriate County staff will review and approve all documents as required prior to execution.

Related File No's:	
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability.

FISCAL EFFECT

Increase in revenues due to permit fees.

TERMS

- Easement term of 99 years.
- Right-of-entry permit required for all work on parkland, including potential permit fees.
- The easement is approximately 1-mile in length, and 20' wide.
- All costs associated with the sewer are the responsibility of the City.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1 - Draft Easement
- Attachment 2 - Sewer Plans
- Attachment 3 - PowerPoint

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