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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Administrative Services, requesting adoption of the Watershed Restoration Plan for the Root River as set forth in Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Community Assistance Report No. 316 as a guide for watershed management, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, portions of the Root River and its tributaries lie within the boundaries of Milwaukee County and are considered valuable resources to the residents of Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, the recognized problems with water quality, habitat, erosion, and recreational access of the Root River have adversely affected its use and value to the community and prompted the need for a comprehensive plan to recommend solutions to these problems; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) has now developed a Watershed Restoration Plan (WRP) for the Root River; and

WHEREAS, the WRP was developed in collaboration with various governments and agencies including Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, there was significant public engagement and input from stakeholders through workshops and open houses to review the process and outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the WRP includes recommendations to improve water quality, recreational access and use, and habitat conditions; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the WRP are consistent with the goals of Milwaukee County's Land and Water Resource Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned recommendations, including all studies, data, maps, figures, charts, and tables are set forth in a publication report entitled SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 316, A Watershed Restoration Plan for the Root River Watershed, published in July 2014; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County believes that the WRP for the Root River is a valuable guide and the adoption of such plan by Milwaukee County will support a common understanding among the affected stakeholders as to the priority concerns and direction for future restoration activities; and

47 WHEREAS, the adoption of the plan does not assign a fiscal obligation to
48 Milwaukee County; and

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50 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
51 July 21, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 6-0); now,
52 therefore,

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54 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts
55 the Watershed Restoration Plan for the Root River Watershed as set forth in
56 Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Community Assistance Report
57 No. 316 as a guide for watershed management.

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