

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: December 28, 2023

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

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, providing information on the City of Wauwatosa project for reconstruction of the bridge over the Honey Creek at Wisconsin Avenue and Honey Creek Parkway

File Type: Information Report

REQUEST

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

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...”.

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| 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 Wauwatosa (“City”) has been coordinating with the Milwaukee County Parks Department (“Parks”) on plans to reconstruct a bridge over the Honey Creek at the junction of Wisconsin Avenue and Honey Creek Parkway in the City of Wauwatosa.

Together with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and its consultant, the City has proceeded with design of the project to the point where impacts on existing utility easements are becoming known. This may include the need to relocate a WE Energies gas main, an easement for a relocated AT&T fiber line, and an easement to City of Wauwatosa to place certain portions of the bridge footings on County land. Parks is in communication with Spectrum and Verizon to identify and relocate their respective utility lines as well.

In addition, during the Parks due diligence reviews, Parks discovered an undocumented utility easement in the project area. In the future, Parks will also request authorization to enter into an easement with Everstream together with an annual payment at the approved easement fee rate as well as any penalties necessary for locating but not documenting the

utility.

Parks is bringing this informational report ahead of bringing action items to the County Board of Supervisors to consider the following:

- The authorization to enter into an easement with WE Energies to relocate the existing gas main, which will increase the square footage of the easement and concurrent fees at \$1.60 per linear foot
- The authorization to enter into an easement with AT&T to relocate their existing fiber optic line, at \$5 per linear ft.
- The authorization to negotiate with any other utility owners in the project boundaries.
- The authorization to enter into an easement with Everstream, together with after-the-fact Right of Entry permit at double the normal application fee, and annual payments at \$5 per linear ft.
- Granting an easement to City of Wauwatosa to place certain portions of bridge footings on County property.

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| 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](#):

- 1A: Reflect the full diversity of the County at every level of County government
- 1B: Create and nurture an inclusive culture across County government
- 1C: Increase the number of County contracts awarded to minority and women-owned businesses
- 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

3.B. Easement fees will provide additional revenue to the County.

FISCAL EFFECT

None

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None

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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Guy Smith, Executive Director Milwaukee County Parks *Guy Smith*

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit A Location of Wisconsin Ave, Bridge
- Exhibit B Utilities map
- Exhibit C County 4F letter to WisDOT
- Exhibit D AT&T proposed relocation
- Exhibit E WE Energies proposed relocation
- Exhibit F Everstream Notice of Inquiry
- Exhibit G Everstream As-Builts
- Exhibit H Quit Claim Deed for Parcel HC07
- Exhibit I County Board File 14-438

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