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Date: May 22, 2017  
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors  
From: John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director, Milwaukee County Parks  
Subject: **Authorization to Execute a Donation Agreement with the Urban Ecology Center (UEC) for a new connection (Ramp) to the Oak Leaf Trail (OLT) in the amount of \$175,000 (ACTION)**

**POLICY**

Authorization to accept and execute a donation agreement with the Urban Ecology Center (UEC) for a new connection (Ramp) to the OLT at E North Ave and N Bartlett Ave in the amount of \$175,000.

**BACKGROUND**

The 2016 Capital Budget includes an appropriation of \$700,000 to address drainage issues and repave the East Side Bike Trail between N Prospect Ave and E Bellevue Pl (WP491). The East Side Bike Trail is the part of the OLT that is routed on a former abandoned railroad corridor that runs from O'Donnell Park northwest through Estabrook Park. The segment of trail that is within the original scope lies below the grade of the adjacent street grid.

The donation from the UEC will add funds to capital project WP491, East Side OLT Reconstruction to help fund construction of a new paved ADA accessible ramp (Ramp) on the west side of the OLT north of E North Ave at N Bartlett Ave. The proposed Ramp will serve a dual purpose of providing temporary construction access and permanent trail access.

In addition to the UEC donation, Parks applied for a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant seeking funding to participate in the drainage and Ramp improvements for the East Side Bike Trail. The County has been awarded \$168,030 in Stewardship grant funds. Park's application for the Stewardship Grant identified the \$175,000 Urban Ecology Center (UEC) donation and the \$700,000 County appropriation as matching funds in order to create a project that would compete with other grant applications.

Parks and DAS are working on a fund transfer request to add the donation and grant funding to expand the project scope to include construction of the Ramp.



In return for UEC's donation of \$175,000 in matching funds for the construction of the Ramp, Milwaukee County assumes responsibility to own, operate, and maintain the Ramp.

The terms of the donation agreement with UEC would include, but are not limited to:

1. Milwaukee County will, at its expense and direction, build and own the Ramp.
2. Milwaukee County will be responsible for repairing and maintaining the Ramp.
3. Once Milwaukee County begins construction of the Ramp, UEC will pay to Milwaukee County \$87,500. Once the Ramp is complete, and upon receipt from Milwaukee County of documentation showing the full cost of the Ramp construction, UEC will pay the balance to Milwaukee County, up to an additional \$87,500. Eligible costs include all construction, grading and vegetation along the side of the Ramp.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize Milwaukee County Parks to accept the \$175,000 Urban Ecology Center donation for the construction of the Ramp and enter into the associated donation agreement with the Urban Ecology Center for the new ramp connection to the Oak Leaf Trail at N Bartlett Ave north of E North Ave.

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### **Approved by:**

  
John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director

### **Attachments:**

- Attachment 1 – Fiscal Note
- Attachment 2 – Resolution
- Attachment 3 – Agreement
- Attachment 4 – Site Map – Bartlett Avenue Access
- Attachment 5 – Bartlett Avenue Ramp Plan

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