

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM**

**DATE:** May 23, 2017

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

**SUBJECT:** Opposing the disposition, compromise, or sale of any County Grounds Park land acreage and supporting and encouraging the rezoning of remaining Sanctuary Woods parcels to the equivalent designation as parkland

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact  | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures<br>(If checked, check one of two boxes below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget   | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures   | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues   |  |

*Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.*

	<b>Expenditure or Revenue Category</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Subsequent Year</b>
<b>Operating Budget</b>	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Improvement Budget</b>	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0

## DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
  - B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.<sup>1</sup> If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
  - C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
  - D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.
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- A. Approval of this resolution will establish Milwaukee County's opposition to the sale, disposition, land swap, or acreage reduction to County Grounds Park. This resolution also declares the County's support of the City of Wauwatosa rezoning 43 parcels of County-owned wooded area that are currently zoned as "Special Medical District," to parkland. These 43 acres of woods are adjacent to County Grounds Park, and the Parks Department currently maintains the wooded area contained within area that is zoned as parkland. If the City of Wauwatosa rezones the parcels of land containing the wooded area, commonly known as "Sanctuary Woods," to parkland to expand County Grounds Park, those parcels would be subject to the same state statutory protections that prevent the sale/disposition of parkland without County Board review/approval.
  - B. Staff from the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) have indicated that if the remaining parcels of Sanctuary Woods are rezoned to fall under the jurisdiction of parkland, they would seek to provide additional maintenance to these woods that includes:
    - Forestry Improvement
    - Invasive Species Removal
    - Planting Seeds in the Understory
    - Inventory/Survey of Plant/Wildlife Species
    - Formalize the Hiking Trail

DPRC estimates that these initial maintenance costs would be approximately \$40,000 if handled by Parks Department staff. Costs are expected to be higher if a private vendor is contracted to do the work. For the purposes of this fiscal note, these costs are not included

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<sup>1</sup> If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

<sup>2</sup> Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.

because they are not *required* to effectuate the resolution. These County-owned woods, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Administrative Services – Economic and Development Division, are not currently maintained to the standards envisioned by Parks Department staff.


This resolution would require staff time to communicate its contents to City of Wauwatosa officials, including the request to rezone the woods as parkland.

C. The passage of this resolution will not result in an impact on the budget. However, if the City of Wauwatosa rezones the remaining parcels of Sanctuary Woods to parkland, they will become the jurisdiction of the Parks Department. No funds have been allocated in the 2017 Budget to provide the aforementioned maintenance services to the woods. To the extent that any of the maintenance services are *required*, then a funding source (grants, private donations, or tax levy) may be needed in the future. The woods are currently under the jurisdiction of the Department of Administrative Services – Economic and Community Development Division and no monies are allocated within that budget for their maintenance.

D. No assumptions were made.

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Authorized Signature



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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review?  Yes  No

Did CBDP Review?<sup>2</sup>  Yes  No  Not Required

