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To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: **Status Update on Collaboration Between MMSD & Milwaukee County Parks Renovations in Jackson Park - Informational**

Issue

Milwaukee County Parks & Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District ongoing collaboration in Jackson Park to accomplish the dual missions of park improvements and flood storage.

Background

The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) has been evaluating how to achieve necessary flood management within the Kinnickinnic River Watershed. MMSD has been studying the watershed to understand the alternatives that may be available for flood storage and has concluded that the most advantageous location for substantial flood storage lies within Jackson Park. Removal of the existing concrete channel that lines the KK River remains a priority for MMSD and any projects in Jackson Park will further that goal. While concrete removal restores the natural functions of the river's riparian zone, the estimated volume of required flood storage is not accomplished by this action alone. To achieve the reduction of downstream flooding impacts, additional modifications will be necessary within the park boundary. MMSD and the Milwaukee County Parks Department continue to explore options for restoring the natural environment of the river, rectifying existing deficiencies of water management, replacing aging infrastructure and improving recreational amenities within Jackson Park.



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Recommendation

There is no recommendation at this time, this report is for informational purposes.

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