

December Board Cycle

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Date: November 12, 2020

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding with Lake Park Friends for Ravine Road Bridge Maintenance Fund

(ACTION)

Issue

Parks is requesting authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with Lake Park Friends for the Ravine Road Bridge Maintenance Fund.

Background

In 2014, increased cracking in the Ravine Road Bridge and soil washout at the abutments prompted a condition assessment, which led to closure of the Bridge and the drive below it (Ravine Road) as a precautionary measure until it could be determined the Bridge was safe to use.

Over the course of the last few years, various alternatives for the restoration of the Bridge were studied and discussed, beginning with the Historic Lake Park Arch Bridge Over Ravine Road In-Depth Inspection Report, prepared by GRAEF on behalf of the Milwaukee County (July, 2015), which estimated construction costs for replacement of the Footbridge at \$2.6 million.

LPF, seeking to maintain the historic nature of the Bridge, commissioned an independent review of bridge restoration alternatives in 2017 by TranSystems, the report concluded that the Bridge could be rehabilitated to extend its service life at least another 50 years.

in 2018, Milwaukee County applied for and received an intent to award a \$2 million grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for replacement of the bridge, but indicated that it was possible to revise the scope of the grant to use the awarded funding for bridge rehabilitation.





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In June of 2019 the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution (File No. 19-530) authorizing Parks to pursue rehabilitation of the Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge and directed Parks to continue to work with LPF to formalize an agreement for a maintenance endowment to maintain the Bridge over its extended life cycle.

LPF and Parks, with assistance from the Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, and Architecture and Engineering, have worked over the past year to craft the attached MOU. LPF has proposed to fund the maintenance fund with \$300,000, which at a conservative interest rate of one percent should provide for the estimated \$607,000 of maintenance needs over the fifty-year lifespan of the bridge that LPF has agreed to fund as outlined in Exhibit A of the MOU. The term of the MOU is ten years with automatic renewals for four ten-year periods.

Recommendation

Parks' Executive Director recommends approval of the request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Lake Par Friends for the Ravine Road Bridge Maintenance Fund.

Prepared by: Erica Hayden, Contracts Manager, Milwaukee County Parks

Approved By: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks _____ Guy Smith_____

Attachments

- Resolution
- Fiscal Note
- MOU with Exhibit A

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