



September Board Cycle

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Date: August 16, 2019
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks
Subject: **Request for 1 FTE, Area of Concern Program Supervisor for Parks – ACTION**

Issue

Milwaukee County Parks requests authorization to create an Area of Concern Program Supervisor position in the current year. Federal, state and local grants will be used to fund the position. No additional tax levy will be required.

Background

The Milwaukee Estuary was designated an Area of Concern (AOC) under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 1987 because contaminated river sediment impaired public benefits such as fish consumption, healthy fisheries, water quality for recreation, and wildlife habitat. There are 27 U.S. AOCs in the Great Lakes basin, including the Milwaukee Estuary AOC. The EPA provides direct funding to states for implementing the AOC program. The state then distributes those funds to local groups to implement the AOC program. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is tasked with implementing the AOC in Wisconsin. In performance of that role, the DNR and Parks have worked together in this way to fund the South Shore Park Water Quality Improvement Study, the Kletzsch Park Dam Fish Passage Study, and the Little Menomonee River Corridor Habitat Restoration.

Government agencies, scientists, and other advocates have aligned around this work to accelerate the restoration work needed to protect Lake Michigan, rebuild and protect our fishing community and improve economic and recreational opportunities. The goal is to implement by 2024 all AOC management actions that are necessary to delist the Milwaukee Estuary AOC.

There are multiple projects which will involve Milwaukee County as a participant or sponsor and as one of the major land owners, Milwaukee County Parks will play a crucial role in the implementation of the remedial efforts. The Areas of Concern Program Supervisor will serve as Parks primary liaison to all AOC work groups, provide field supervision of ecological restoration and management projects conducted by county staff, contractors, and third parties on county-



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owned property, maintain all records relating to contracts, purchasing, right-of-entry permits, state & federal permits and requests for proposals; and make sure sensitive natural resources are protected and projects are implemented according to specifications. The Wisconsin DNR has proposed to fund this position through 2024 to supplement the ongoing remedial efforts in the AOC.

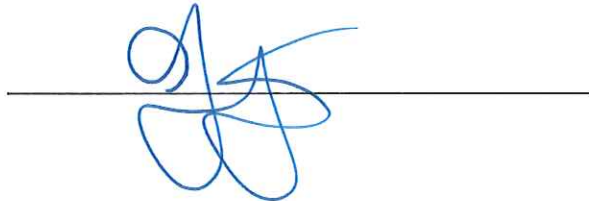
Recommendation

Milwaukee County Parks recommends that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approve the creation and funding of 1 FTE Areas of Concern Program Supervisor position.

Title	Nr. of position	Title Code	Paygrade
Area of Concern Program Supervisor	1 Full Time Equivalent	TBD	29

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Approved By: Guy Smith, Executive Director



Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Position JEQ
- Attachment 2 – Letter of Funding Support

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