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(ITEM ) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to accept the donation of land on the east bank of the Milwaukee River from the River Revitalization Foundation (RRF); execute and implement the Milwaukee River Greenway Operation and Management Agreement with RRF for a five-year term effective November 1, 2014; and execute and implement the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with the Urban Ecology Center for a term ending May 23, 2026, with the option of a 25-year renewal term, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, for more than 25 years, Milwaukee County has worked to achieve greater connectivity between County parks along the east and west sides of the Milwaukee River; and

WHEREAS, these efforts included the purchase of rail corridors and development of the Oak Leaf Trail and the Beer Line Trail segment; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee River Greenway Master Plan (the Plan) was developed by the Milwaukee River Greenway Coalition (MRGC) with participation from the Milwaukee River Workgroup, the River Revitalization Foundation (RRF), Milwaukee Riverkeeper, the Urban Ecology Center (UEC), the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin, the City of Shorewood, the City of Glendale, the City of Milwaukee, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, and others; and

WHEREAS, the Plan sets out a structure for the creation of an environmental corridor-focused coalition that would oversee a variety of improvements including public access, acquisition, habitat restoration, environmental protection, and recreation along the Milwaukee River Greenway, a seven-mile section of the Milwaukee River that is located within the northeast side of the City of Milwaukee generally from Humboldt Avenue, upstream to Silver Spring Drive, and including mostly County-owned land that is deed-restricted for use as green space and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Plan also includes habitat, recreation, and action plans for achieving the goals and priorities of MRGC and direction for achieving MRGC's planned improvements; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution File No. 10-330 which supported the concepts of the Plan as developed by MRGC; and

45 WHEREAS, through its work with the MRGC, RRF has partnered with DPRC on  
46 several significant land acquisition ventures as well as trail development and  
47 environmental stewardship projects throughout the County; and  
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49 WHEREAS, most recently, RRF, UEC, Milwaukee Rotary Club, and many others  
50 collaborated in the development of the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum, a  
51 space that provides improved opportunities for preservation, environmental education,  
52 stewardship, and access to the natural environment; and  
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54 WHEREAS, RRF acquired the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum land with  
55 the intention that it become an integral part of the Greenway and DPRC; and  
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57 WHEREAS, for more than 10 years, UEC has leased Milwaukee County's  
58 Riverside Park and utilized surrounding areas to support its educational and  
59 stewardship mission; and  
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61 WHEREAS, the Amended and Restated Lease with UEC provides for UEC's  
62 management, operation, and maintenance of the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial  
63 Arboretum land as well as all lands previously leased by UEC; and  
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65 WHEREAS, the Parks Director has recommended that the authority be granted  
66 to DPRC, the Department of Administrative Services, Corporation Counsel, Risk  
67 Management, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and the County Executive to prepare,  
68 review, approve, process, execute, and record the agreements, leases, deeds, and  
69 other documents, and take all actions as required to facilitate their implementation; now,  
70 therefore,  
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72 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
73 authorizes the Parks Director, Department of Administrative Services, Register of  
74 Deeds, Corporation Counsel, and Risk Management to prepare, review, approve,  
75 process, and record all agreements, leases, deeds, easements, and other documents  
76 required to execute and implement:  
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- 78 1. the Milwaukee River Greenway Operation and Management Agreement with  
79 the River Revitalization Foundation (RRF);
- 80 2. the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with the Urban Ecology Center;  
81 and
- 82 3. the donation of land from RRF;  
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84 and to take all actions required to facilitate the implementation of these documents and  
85 the management of the Milwaukee River Greenway; and  
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87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Executive and County Clerk are  
88 authorized to execute the agreements, deeds, easements, and any other required  
89 documents.