

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to swap sections of Dale Creek for Grootemaat Woods between Milwaukee County Parks and the Village of Greendale, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County), through its Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), is the current owner of a parcel of land known as Dale Creek Parkway (the Parkway), located in the Village of Greendale (the Village), the County, State of Wisconsin (the State); and

WHEREAS, the Village is the current owner of a parcel of land known as Grootemaat Woods, which is also located in the County, the State; and

WHEREAS, DPRC has partnered with the Village since 1995 for the management of the Parkway, which is located in the Village's downtown area, and the 1995 Lease Agreement that governs this partnership has expired, and the County and the Village have had discussions about the Village acquiring the Parkway in order to make improvements to it; and

WHEREAS, under this arrangement, the Village has managed routine park maintenance, while the County retained responsibility for the creek bed itself (approximately 40 feet from the center line); and

WHEREAS, one concept that has been proposed, and ultimately both parties agreed on, is a swap of land that is currently owned by the Village, Grootemaat Woods, 4300 West Ramsey Ave, the Village, which is 13.75 acres of land, in exchange for the Parkway, which is approximately 21.91 acres of land spread across 4 parcels; and

WHEREAS, both properties will remain public parkland following this transaction, with Restrictive Covenants to be enacted against future development; and

WHEREAS, the Village and County will record Quit Claim Deeds and Restrictive Covenants to document this transfer; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of June 10, 2025, recommended adoption of File No. 25-371 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is hereby authorized to enter into this land swap with the Village of Greendale (the Village); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is authorized to prepare, execute, amend, record all documents, and take all actions necessary as required to execute and implement the land swap with the Village.

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