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Request for approval to record a conservation restriction on the parcels comprising County Grounds Park to ensure that natural ecological elements of the Park remain undisturbed, by recommending adoption of the following:

**AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Wauwatosa (the City) has worked to develop a land use plan for County Grounds Park (the Park) and the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center area since 2016; and

WHEREAS, many Milwaukee County-owned (the County) lands are within the planning area, including the Park; and

WHEREAS, the County has worked to sell the former Food Service Building that has been vacant for years, and in support of doing so, has submitted documents to the City to subdivide the land via Certified Survey Map (CSM), and re-zone parcels for future use; and

WHEREAS, this CSM process has produced an approximately 45-acre parcel from the current Tax Key #372999917, that includes the area known as “Sanctuary Woods,” and along with the 5.78 acres of Tax Key # 373999907, would be combined with the existing Park parcel to expand the Parks’ total size to over 100 acres; and

WHEREAS, as part of this expansion of the Park, the City has requested that the new, larger property be conserved to preserve its predominately natural, scenic, forested, and open space condition, and to prevent any use of the property that will adversely impact or interfere with its conservation values; and

WHEREAS, a Conservation Restriction (the Restriction) will accomplish the goal of preserving the Park, and will not allow subdivision of the new Park parcel, except by a written instrument executed by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, has recommended approval of this Restriction; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of January 28, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-83 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), the Department of Administrative Services, the Register of Deeds, the Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC), and Risk Management to prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all documents, and take all actions, as required to execute and record the Conservation Restriction (the Restriction) for conservation purposes at County Grounds Park; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPRC shall amend Section 6.1 of the Restriction to request the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to provide a written analysis on any potential amendment to the Restriction to evaluate its adherence to the Conservation Values of the Property and consistency with the Purpose of the Restrictions; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Legal Description and Property Map attached to Exhibits A and B (Exhibits) respectively, be updated to reflect the total acreage of all parcels is 107.8 acres; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these changes shall be made to the Restriction and its Exhibits prior to execution; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive and County Clerk are authorized to execute the Restriction and other required documents necessary to effectuate this resolution, **upon making the aforementioned changes as confirmed by the OCC.**