



October Board Cycle

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Date: September 17, 2018
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, CPRP, Parks Director
Subject: **MMSD 10-Year Conservation Easement for Green Infrastructure Funding in Alice's Garden, Johnsons Park – (ACTION)**

Policy

Parks requests authorization to grant a 10-year conservation easement to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) for the grant-funded green infrastructure project area in Johnsons Park, specifically Alice's Garden.

Background

The Table, the overarching management group of Alice's Garden, has worked in coordination with the Parks Department to receive \$66,750 in grant funding from MMSD for a green infrastructure project at Alice's Garden. The project includes the installation of a 20,000 gallon cistern that will be used to collect and reuse rainwater at the gardens. The project also includes partnership with the City of Milwaukee, in that a portion of the construction area, and contributing watershed will be the adjacent Brown Street Academy, an MPS school. Additional grant funding has been provided by the Fund for Lake Michigan, the Institute for Sustainable Communities/Walnut Way, and private donations. The total green infrastructure project cost is \$136,400.

The goal of this project is not only to retain and reuse rainwater, but also to use the installation as an educational tool to share the benefit of green infrastructure with students and the neighborhood.

Grant funding provided by MMSD requires that the project area be protected and maintained in a conservation easement to assure the functionality of the green infrastructure for 10-years. As the landowner, Milwaukee County Parks is the agency that will grant the easement. Concurrently, an agreement has been executed with The Table to ensure that the maintenance responsibilities of the site and related infrastructure will be managed by Alice's Garden.



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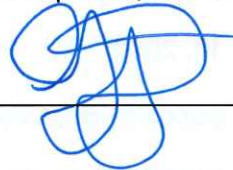
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Recommendation

Authorize Parks to prepare, review, approve, execute, record and/or implement the required documents or perform actions required to grant a 10-year conservation easement to MMSD for the construction, operation and maintenance of green infrastructure in Johnsons Park. It is further recommended that that the County Executive and County Clerk be authorized to execute any required documents.

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Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Fiscal Note
- Attachment 2 – Resolution
- Attachment 3 – Easement
- Attachment 4 – GI Plans

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