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Subject: Wisconsin Area of Concern Projects

Good morning Wade-

As part of our commitment to enhance communication and coordination between GLNPO and our state partners, I want to notify you that the proposed Focus Area 1.1 AOC projects (set forth below) have been reviewed with the director and has been tentatively selected for GLRI funding in FY24. I note, however, that this email should not be considered a guarantee of funding or an authorization to begin work.

Please provide a point of contact to our grant section supervisor Nicholas Elliot (Elliott.Nicholas@epa.gov) so that GLNPO can begin the funding process for all cooperative agreement projects. EPA staff will reach out to the contacts provide to initiate the funding process - which typically begins with a technical review of the full Statement of Work - prior to any submittal of a full grant application.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or have the appropriate person contact the Task Force Lead. Thank you and your team for the great partnership GLNPO continues to have with the State of Wisconsin.

-Amy

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**Projects approved for funding outside of those regarding Milwaukee County Parks in the Milwaukee Estuary AOC have been removed.*

Project Title: Kletzsch Park Wildlife Enhancements

Recipient: WDNR

GLRI Amount: \$325,000

- Funding design phase work for this project on the Fish & Wildlife Populations MAL (project 7).
- Project area is 86.2 acres on Milwaukee River, providing grassland, forest, shrubland, and wetland habitat to focal species.

Project Title: Menomonee River Parkway - Sections 5 and 6 Enhancements

Recipient: WDNR

GLRI Amount: \$475,000

- Funding design phase work for this project on the Fish & Wildlife Populations MAL (project 9).
- Project area is 178 acre of declining floodplain forest (due to emerald ash borer), with natural habitat not elsewhere in Menomonee River Parkway.

Project Title: Milwaukee County Grounds, Menomonee River Section 9, and Hoyt Park Wildlife Enhancements

Recipient: WDNR

GLRI Amount: \$325,000

- Funding design phase work for this project on the Fish & Wildlife Populations MAL (project 6A).
- Project area is that is owned by Milwaukee County Parks, part of 165-acres on Menomonee River with extremely rare grassland/savanna habitats, as well as upland grassland, forest, shrubland, and wetland/ emergent marsh.

Project Title: Beach Restoration - McKinley and Bradford - Planning/Design

Recipient: WDNR

GLRI Amount: \$200,000

- Funding planning and design work for these two projects on the Beaches MAL (project 1 and 2).
- McKinley Beach's primary *E.coli* source is Gull fecal pollution. Project will install gull deterrents at breakwater boulders.