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JOHN DARGLE, JR., DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

Date: February 17, 2017

To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr, Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

From: John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC)

Subject: Authorization to Accept and Execute a Coastal Management Agreement from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of Intergovernmental Relations and Execute a Services Agreement with River Revitalization Foundation (ACTION)

POLICY

Authorization to accept and execute a Coastal Management Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration Department of Administration Division of Intergovernmental Relations (the "grant") and Execute a Services Agreement with River Revitalization Foundation for bluff stabilization near the Milwaukee River in the amount of \$75,840.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC), the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (District), the Fund for Lake Michigan, the City of Milwaukee, the River Revitalization Foundation and the Coastal Management Division of the Department of Administration, State of Wisconsin have come together to restore habitat, provide public access, improve stormwater management, and repair the bluff above the Milwaukee River at the corner of Humboldt Boulevard and Capital Drive which was highly eroded due to the July 2010 storms.

This project will restore the slope and add an access path to allow pedestrians to reach the Milwaukee River and one mile of riverfront trail upstream. At the top of the restored slope a large bioswale will capture and treat stormwater flows from the surrounding area and help ensure that further erosion is minimized. Part of a larger effort to address bluff restoration, the cumulative impact of these fixes will reduce sediment loading and improve water quality of the Milwaukee River and Lake Michigan.

Project outcomes will include:

- 500 linear feet of river bluff repaired and revegetated
- 2.5 acres of restored habitat with native species

- Improved access to the river and trail connection
- Increased diversity of native plants

The award is to fund \$75,840.00 in eligible construction and personnel costs under the grant and requires \$168,100 in matching funds. DPRC will execute a Services Agreement with the River Revitalization Foundation (RRF) whereby RRF will assume all rights, responsibilities, fiscal and maintenance obligations, under the Coastal Management State of Wisconsin Grant. Matching funds are made up of a variety of sources including Parks Amenities Matching funds approved by Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors see file No. 17-122 (\$50,000,), the District funding (\$48,100), Fund of Lake Michigan (\$43,000), City of Milwaukee (\$25,000), and Department of Natural Resources Trails Act (\$16,758).

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the DPRC to accept and execute a Coastal Management Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration Divisions of Intergovernmental Relations in the amount of \$75,840.

Authorize the DPRC to execute a Services Agreement with the River Revitalization Foundation in the amount of \$75,840 to assume all rights, responsibilities, fiscal and maintenance obligations, under the Coastal Management State of Wisconsin Grant.

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Approved by:



 John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director

Attached Documents:

- Attachment 1 – Fiscal Note
- Attachment 2 – Resolution
- Attachment 3 – DOA Agreement
- Attachment 4 – 17-122 County Board Resolution
- Attachment 5 – Coastal Management Grant Agreement
- Attachment 6 – MMSD Grant Agreement
- Attachment 7 – Milwaukee River Parkway Improvement Project Report

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