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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to apply for, accept, and implement one or more Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Stewardship Program grants, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Stewardship Program is designed to facilitate and promote “nature-based outdoor recreation” which is defined as hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking, cross country skiing, and other activities where the primary focus or purpose is the appreciation or enjoyment of nature; and

WHEREAS, other activities may include, but are not limited to, bicycling, wildlife or nature observation, camping, nature study, picnicking, canoeing, and multi-use trail activities; and

WHEREAS, support facilities that enhance nature-based outdoor recreation and/or improve disabled accessibility are also eligible for Stewardship Program funding; and

WHEREAS, the Stewardship Program is administered by WDNR, funds are provided on a 1:1 state-local cost-share basis, and payment of grant awards is on a reimbursement basis; and

WHEREAS, the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), respectfully recommends that DPRC be authorized to apply for one or more Stewardship Program grants and to undertake all actions and activities necessary to accept and implement Stewardship grant awards offered to Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of March 11, 2014, recommended adoption of the Department’s request (vote 7-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of March 13, 2014, recommended the Department’s request be **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** (vote 8-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to apply for one or more Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Stewardship Program grants and to undertake all actions and activities necessary to accept and implement Stewardship Program grant awards offered to Milwaukee County.