

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE: September 17, 2021

TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairperson, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Amy Keltner, Director, AE&ES Section, DAS-FM

SUBJECT: Milwaukee County 2022-2031 Land and Water Resources Management Plan: From the Director, Architecture, Engineering, and Environmental Services Section, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services, requesting the Milwaukee County Board approve the 2022-2031 Land and Water Resource Management Plan

Action Item

POLICY

Chapter 92 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires that all counties have an approved Land and Water Resource Management Plan (LWRMP). LWRMPs must be approved by the local county board and the State's Land and Water Conservation Board. Plans may be approved for a maximum of 10 years but must be reviewed in the five-year interim.

The AE&ES Director is requesting that the County Board of Supervisors approve the updated Milwaukee County 2022-2031 Land and Water Resource Management Plan.

BACKGROUND-

The purpose of the Land and Water Resource Management Plan is to conserve soil productivity, protect the quality of related natural resources, enhance water quality and reduce soil erosion, and identify local environmental issues. The LWRMP outlines the County's planned efforts pursuant to State conservation rules, water quality rules and local conservation issues identified in the LWRMP. A State-approved land and water resource management plan is required to remain eligible for staffing grants to counties, which Milwaukee County receives annually.

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved the initial plan in 2001 and approved plan updates in 2006, 2011, and 2016. Milwaukee County and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) have completed an update for the period from 2022 to 2031.

The plan will go before the Land and Water Conservation Board for State approval in December 2021.

Approval of the plan does not mean budgetary approval of specific projects or actions recommended by the plan. Action taken by Milwaukee County in

fulfillment of the plan will be approved by the County Board through the capital budget process or by actions included in departmental operating budgets.

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of Architecture Engineering & Environmental Services requests that the County Board of Supervisors approve the update of the Milwaukee County's Land and Water Resource Management Plan for 2022-2031.

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