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From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into any and all contracts and take all actions necessary to effectuate multiple Area of Concern grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Planning and Design Phases for the 2024-2025 Area of Concern projects, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) defines an Area of Concern (AOC) as a location that has experienced environmental degradation; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the AOC Grant Program (the Program) is to clean up, restore, and delist these areas so that they are comparable to similar areas on the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, there are 27 United States AOCs in the Great Lakes Basin, including the Milwaukee Estuary AOC; and

WHEREAS, a Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI) is a change in the chemical, physical, or biological integrity of the Great Lakes system sufficient to cause significant environmental degradation; and

WHEREAS, all BUI's that have been designated for an AOC must be removed to be considered restored before the delisting process can begin; and

WHEREAS, completed management actions will lead to BUI removal and, in turn, AOC delisting; and

WHEREAS, habitat restoration to remediate wildlife populations within:

- Menomonee River Parkway Sections 5 and 6
- Kletzsch Park
- Milwaukee County (the County) Grounds, Menomonee River Parkway Section 9, and Hoyt Park (collectively known as the County Grounds Project)

were identified as a necessary fish and wildlife restoration projects in the Milwaukee Estuary AOC Management 2022 Action List (the Action List); and

WHEREAS, beach rehabilitation to address beach closings and their recreation restrictions at Bradford Beach and McKinley Beach were identified as necessary beach improvement projects in the Action List; and

47 WHEREAS, the DNR has provided the County with a commitment of a \$475,000
48 Grant Agreement to the County to carry out the Scope Of Work (SOW) for the
49 Enhancements to the Menomonee River Parkway Sections 5 and 6 – Planning and
50 Design project, in the Milwaukee Estuary AOC; and

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52 WHEREAS, the DNR has provided the County with a commitment of a \$325,000
53 Grant Agreement to the County to carry out the SOW for the County Grounds –
54 Planning and Design project, in the Milwaukee Estuary AOC; and

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56 WHEREAS, the DNR has provided the County with a commitment of a \$325,000
57 Grant Agreement to the County to carry out the SOW for the Kletzsch Park Wildlife
58 Enhancements – Planning and Design project, in the Milwaukee Estuary AOC; and

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60 WHEREAS, the DNR has provided the County with a commitment of a \$200,000
61 Grant Agreement to the County to carry out the SOW for the Bradford and McKinley
62 Beach Improvements – Planning and Design project, in the Milwaukee Estuary AOC;
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65 WHEREAS, projects in the SOWs will help with an overall goal of delisting the
66 Milwaukee Estuary AOC; and

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68 WHEREAS, the DNR expects that it will execute the Grant Agreements with the
69 County within the timeframe of September 2024 through January 2025, dependent on
70 the release of funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

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72 WHEREAS, to meet State and Federal deadlines, the Director, DPRC, is
73 requesting authority to prepare, review, approve, and execute all contracts,
74 amendments, agreements, and any other documents, and take all actions required, for
75 the purpose of administering the Grant Program; and

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77 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of September 3,
78 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-726 (vote 7-0); and

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80 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 12, 2024,
81 recommended adoption of File No. 24-726 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

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83 BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is
84 hereby authorized to accept any and all grants from the State of Wisconsin Department
85 of Natural Resources (DNR) related to Area of Concern (AOC) projects; and
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87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of the Comptroller (the Comptroller) is
88 authorized to execute administrative fund transfers and directed to create the following
89 Capital Projects to implement the AOC projects:
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- 91 • WPXXX - AOC Enhancements to Menomonee River Parkway Sections 5
92 and 6 – Planning and Design
- 93 • WPXXX - AOC Kletzsch Park Wildlife Enhancements – Planning and
94 Design
- 95 • WPXXX - AOC Milwaukee County (the County) Grounds, Menomonee
96 River Parkway Section 9, and Hoyt Park Wildlife Enhancements (the
97 County Grounds) – Planning and Design
- 98 • WPXXX - AOC Bradford and McKinley Beach Improvements – Planning
99 and Design

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103 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon execution of the Grant Agreements between
104 the County and the DNR for these AOC Contracts in the Milwaukee Estuary AOC, the
105 Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes DPRC, DAS, Corporation Counsel,
106 Risk Management, DAS, Office of Economic Inclusion, DAS, the Comptroller, the
107 County Executive, and any other County Department that may be necessary, to
108 prepare, review, approve, and execute all contracts, amendments, agreements, fund
109 transfers, and any other documents, and take all actions required, for the purpose of
110 administering the above-referenced AOC Grants to carry out the Scope of Works that
111 are attached to this file, to expend the full Grant amounts below:
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- 113 • \$475,000 for Enhancements to Menomonee River Parkway Sections 5
114 and 6 – Planning and Design
- 115 • \$325,000 for Kletzsch Park Wildlife Enhancements – Planning and
116 Design
- 117 • \$325,000 for County Grounds Wildlife Enhancements – Planning and
118 Design
- 119 • \$200,000 for Bradford and McKinley Beach Improvements – Planning
120 and Design

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124 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is subsequently authorized to execute all
125 Grant Agreements necessary to meet State and Federal deadlines to delist the
126 Milwaukee AOC.
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