COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: December 30, 2022

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Milwaukee County Parks requests to create 1.0 FTE Area Of Concern (AOC) Project Manager

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

Milwaukee County Parks request to create 1.0 FTE Area of Concern (AOC) Project Manager.

POLICY

Wisconsin State Statutes:	Wis Stats 59.17
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	MCGO 17.05(1)
Specific Adopted Budget:	2022 Adopted Budget

BACKGROUND

The Milwaukee Estuary is an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) listed Great Lakes Area of Concern (AOC). Milwaukee County Parks in conjunction with the EPA, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and other governmental and non-profit agencies have been working together on various grant funded projects to remove impairments from the waterways since 2019.

In 2019, the Milwaukee County Board authorized the creation of the Area of Concern Program Supervisor (File #19-688) which has served as the primary contact between Milwaukee County Parks and grant funding partners. This position is entirely grant funded. Due to significant progress on AOC projects, additional funding is being considered by the EPA to increase the pace of work within the Milwaukee Estuary. This additional work exceeds the available personnel capacity within the Parks Department. Milwaukee County Parks requests the creation of an Area of Concern Project Manager to coordinate and manage any upcoming grant approved projects for the Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern. This position will also be fully funded through the grants to execute the projects.

Related File No's:	19-678, 19-688, 19-710, 21-495, 22-1006
Associated File No's	

(Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	10/2019, 10/2019, 10/2019, 6/2021,9/2022

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN
Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the strategic plan:
3A: Invest "upstream" to address root causes of health disparities
This position will help accelerate the delisting of the Milwaukee Estuary as an Area of Concern with the federal government by removing impairments to clean water, swimmable beaches and restored ecosystems.

FISCAL EFFECT
This position will be filled upon successful confirmation of grant funding by the EPA and WDNR. This position will be fully grant funded and additional approval of the grant contract will appear before the County board (estimated Q2 2023).

POSITION INFORMATION
Action	Title	Pay Range	Annual Salary Range
Create	AOC Project Manager	21	$49,857-$57,574

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Resolution
Fiscal Note
DAS Report
JEQ- Area of Concern Project Manager

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