

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: February 21, 2012

To: Supervisor Lynne De Bruin, Vice Chair, Committee on Finance and Audit
Supervisor Gerry Broderick, Chairman, Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment

From: Jerome J. Heer, Director of Audits

Subject: Status Report - Audit of Parks Infrastructure (File No. 10-52)

At its meeting on January 28, 2010, the Finance and Audit Committee referred our audit report, "A Tale of Two Systems: Three Decades of Declining Resources Leave Milwaukee County Parks Reflecting the Best and Worst of Times," to the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment regarding Audit recommendations and also to the Parks Department for a status report in April 2010 on the implementation of the recommendations. Subsequent status reports also were provided to your respective committees for the October 2010 and the March and September 2011 meeting cycles.

Parks management's current response to the seven audit and policy-related recommendations is interspersed throughout its 5-Year Capital Request report under separate sections devoted to each recommendation. Also included in the report is a copy of our form "Status of Implementing Department of Audit Report Recommendations" containing our recommendations and prior responses from Parks.

Based on past and present comments and initiatives undertaken by Parks management, we believe all recommendations not related to building assessments have been adequately addressed.

We will continue to monitor Parks implementation of recommendations relating to building assessments through our follow-up of the Countywide building assessment issues contained in our audit report "Milwaukee County Needs to Commit to a Preventive Repair & Maintenance Program to Ensure Public Safety."

It should be noted that we have not reviewed the information contained in the Parks 5-year Capital Request report for accuracy or propriety.

This report is informational.


Jerome J. Heer

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Attachments

cc: Finance and Audit Committee Members
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