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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in applying for and accepting grant funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, in the amount of \$1,400,000, for the following Milwaukee County Park System improvement projects: South Shore Water Quality Improvements, Kletzsch Park Dam Fish Passage, and the Little Menomonee River Corridor Habitat Restoration, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2010 the United States Environmental Protection Agency launched the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) to accelerate efforts to protect and restore the Great Lakes, the largest system of fresh surface water in the world; and

WHEREAS, Federal agencies work through GLRI action plans to use GLRI's resources to strategically target the biggest threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem and to accelerate progress toward long-term goals; and

WHEREAS, a major focus is cleaning up 27 Areas of Concern (AOC) in the Great Lakes Basin, including the Milwaukee Estuary AOC; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is tasked with implementing the AOC in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the DNR has taken initiative to apply for GLRI Noncompetitive AOC funds on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) for the following projects:

- South Shore Park Water Quality Improvements (\$350,000)
- Kletzsch Park Dam Fish Passage (\$550,000)
- Little Menomonee River Corridor Habitat Restoration (\$500,000)

; and

WHEREAS, DPRC recommends that it be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the DNR to accept the grant funds from GLRI to implement the identified park improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of September 13, 2016, considered this item for informational purposes only; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of September 15, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to accept \$1,400,000 in grant funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to implement the following improvements: South Shore Park Water Quality Improvements, Kletzsch Park Dam Fish Passage, and Little Menomonee River Corridor Habitat Restoration.

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