

**Veto No. 1 Wahl Avenue Bluffs Language  
Amendment 69**

<u>Org. Unit</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Revenue or Bonds*</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
900	\$0	\$0	\$0

Amend the narrative of Agency 900 – Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture by adding the following language:

In the specific case of the bluffs along Wahl Avenue, maintenance is a county legal obligation arising from the conditions of a deed by which it owns this approximately 4-acre plot of land. Due to circumstances arising from deferred maintenance on Milwaukee County park land, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture shall take the following actions regarding the deed restricted land along the bluffs of Wahl Avenue:

- Milwaukee County shall grant Lake Park Friends (LPF) and other relevant parties the right, in perpetuity, to fix, repair, and maintain bluffs and other parkland areas abutting or overlapping their property lines in the deed restricted area along the bluffs of Wahl Avenue. Granting these parties access to this specific area does not alter any of the County's legal obligations regarding this specific vista area or alter its obligation to maintain and manage any other portions of the bluffs and coastline outside of the aforementioned deed restricted area.
- In coordination with the appropriate parties, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture shall finalize any agreements necessary for the advancement of this initial cycle of work along Wahl Avenue spanning down to Lincoln Memorial Drive and provide a report back to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors by the March 2023 cycle.
- Moving forward, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture must work with Lake Park Friends and other relevant parties on such projects pertaining to this deed restricted area along Wahl Avenue, ensuring transparency, open lines of communication, and swift resolution (particularly in cases where other parties are paying for repairs/maintenance/etc. instead of Parks Department).

Codifying this departmental requirement will benefit the entire Milwaukee

community, alleviate certain financial constraints within Parks Department, and ensure the continued upkeep and tidiness of our Milwaukee County Parks. ~~In the case of areas where weeds/invasive plant species have not been properly dealt with by Parks Department, allowing the practice described above would avert the possibility of costly lawsuits for the County.~~

This amendment would have no tax levy impact.