

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: September 6, 2011

To: Supervisor Johnny Thomas, Chairman, Committee on Finance and Audit
Supervisor Gerry Broderick, Chairman, Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment

From: Jerome J. Heer, Director of Audits

Subject: Current Status Report - Audit of Parks Infrastructure (File No. 10-52/11-212)

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. Updated status reports were provided to your respective committees for the October 2010 and March 2011 meeting cycles as well.

The current status report, which includes comments relating to the four recommendations directed to Parks management as well as the three policy-related recommendations assigned to Parks Department management with adoption of the 2011 budget, is attached for your review. The 2010 Pool Report referenced in the comments under Recommendation No. 4 is also attached.

As noted by Parks management, the progress on a number of the initiatives has been slowed due to a lack of available funding and progress continues on others. We believe that the first two report recommendations, concerning completing the inventorying and assessing of all Parks buildings, along with an ongoing policy for future cyclical assessments, have been adequately addressed through DTPW's response to similar recommendations contained in our audit report "Milwaukee Count Needs to Commit to a Preventative Repair & Maintenance Program to Ensure Public Safety." Accordingly, we will monitor Parks' implementation of these recommendations through the actions taken by DTPW on a countywide basis.

This report is informational and unless directed otherwise, we will continue our monitoring efforts with a request of Parks' management that an updated status report be submitted for the March 2012 committee meeting cycle.


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Attachments

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