

Good Morning, Laila Eslami

Chair Taylor and committee, I am here today in support of funding for the Sheridan Park Bluff Stabilization Project 26-500.

Sheridan Park is one of Milwaukee County's most treasured lakefront assets. Founded in 1911 by Patrick Cudahy and incorporated into the Milwaukee County Parks System in 1931. The park has served generations of residents and visitors for more than a century.

According to Placer.ai data, Sheridan Park recorded

- 320,100 visits in the past 12 months.

The park continues to demonstrate its importance as a recreational and environmental jewel. Thousands of people rely on safe access to this park every month.

However today, that legacy is at risk. Erosion challenges are not new. Shoreline protection structures known as groins were first installed in 1933 by the Civilian Conservation Corps. While these groins helped build and protect beaches for decades, they also altered sediment movement, contributing to erosion in adjacent areas. A failing 54" storm sewer and outfall drain and recent revetments along the southern shoreline in St Francis have exacerbated the failure. Today, both the north and south bluffs continue to experience significant recession.

Recent weather events have accelerated the problem. In April 2026, powerful east winds caused the last two large trees along the bluff to fall inland, allowing a large section of bluff crest, turf, and soil to fall in.

The 2024 Bluff Study identified Sheridan Park bluffs with failing conditions and recommended engineering solutions to improve shoreline stability, protect public infrastructure, and enhance public safety. Yet funding for the design phase was not included in the Milwaukee County's 2026 budget.

The cost of inaction will only grow. Every delay increases erosion, threatens public access, and puts valuable public assets at greater risk.

I respectfully urge you to support funding for the Sheridan Park Bluff Stabilization proposal 26-500, an essential step toward making the strongest case for WEM to pursue FEMA's BRIC grant funds.

Today you can help protect this historic park, safeguard public safety, and preserve this shoreline for future generations.

Thank you.

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Hello and thank you to the Finance Committee for hearing my support for Resolution 26-500.

For the past 8 years I have been a Milwaukee county resident, a visitor of Sheridan Park, and Oak Leaf trail user.

Over the past several years, our community has watched the Sheridan Park bluff experience significant erosion caused by high lake levels, record rainfall, powerful storms, and increasing weather intensity. What was once a beautiful and stable part of our lakefront has become a growing safety concern for park visitors, nearby infrastructure, wildlife habitat, and the Oak Leaf Trail that so many residents enjoy every day.

In response, I was one of the 1st of the over 750 to sign the grassroots "Help Save Sheridan Bluff" petition.

This is not just about protecting a bluff. It is about protecting a treasured public park, preserving access to our lakefront, and safeguarding a critical section of the Oak Leaf Trail for future generations.

Nature will not wait for another budget cycle. Without action, continued erosion could lead to the loss of trail access, park space, and potentially damage nearby infrastructure.

I respectfully ask for your support of the bluff stabilization design and permitting process. Taking action now is both necessary and responsible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

* Hello, my name is Maya Dix
* Thank you Chairman Taylor and the committee for hearing my testimony on resolution 26-500.

* I am a resident of St Francis and am a daily user of both Sheridan park and the Oak Leaf trail for pleasure, exercise, and walking my dog.

Although relatively new to the neighborhood, I have witnessed Sheridan bluff deteriorate in the past year, and become a danger to park users. Currently a snow fence prevents visitors from getting close to the bluffs edge.

After seeing and signing the "Help Save Sheridan Bluff" petition I was made aware of the history and seriousness of the situation.

The Oak Leaf trail has 135 miles of paved multi-use trail that meanders through Milwaukee County, 25% on Lake Michigan which allows our entire community to enjoy the lakefront. Losing the Oak Leaf trail in Sheridan Park would be an unimaginable sacrifice that doesn't need to happen.

Please consider this request to design and permit a solution. Failure to act will break the trail in our backyard, Sheridan Park.

Mother nature will not wait for another budget cycle or two, further erosion and deterioration will happen without action.

Thank you

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