

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: March 21, 2025

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director for Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Wehr Nature Center 5-year improvement plan

File Type: Informational Report

REQUEST

This report provides an update regarding Wehr Nature Center's 5 year site improvement plan

POLICY

Wisconsin State Statutes:	
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

BACKGROUND

Related File No's:	
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

We are excited to share our 5-Year Site Improvement Plan, which was generated with inputs from a committee made up of staff, Friends of Wehr volunteers, and Milwaukee County Parks representatives, as well as a survey of Wehr visitors.

The plan was created to proactively address the needs of the nature center which has grown in its programming, visitation, and rentals significantly throughout the last several decades.

Included in the plan are new infrastructure projects such as a Land Stewardship Garage/Service Yard, Outdoor Classroom, and Amphitheater Shade Cover. These projects are in partnership with the Friends of Wehr Nature Center.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

- 1A: Reflect the full diversity of the County at every level of County government
- 1B: Create and nurture an inclusive culture across County government
- 1C: Increase the number of County contracts awarded to minority and women-owned businesses
- 2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity
- 2B: Break down silos across County government to maximize access to and quality of services offered
- 2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions
- 3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities
- 3B: Enhance the County’s fiscal health and sustainability
- 3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

FISCAL EFFECT

This report is for informational purposes only.

TERMS

none

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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