

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** September 29, 2017

**TO:** Supervisor Theo Lipscomb, Chair, County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James Tarantino, Economic Development Director, Department of Administrative Services

**SUBJECT:** Informational Report Related a report detailing the rezoning process up to this point.

**REQUEST**

There is no request at this time; this report is for informational purposes only.

**REPORT**

On May 12, 2017, the City of Wauwatosa sent to Milwaukee County a request to complete 5 tasks which would then enable the land use planning process known as the Life Sciences District Plan to move forward. Also in May 2017, the Milwaukee County Board approved File #17-453 which, among other things, opposed the sale of any existing parkland and states that "Milwaukee County supports and requests the City of Wauwatosa to rezone the remaining parcels of the approximate 43 acres of wooded area under taxkeys #372999917 and #373999907, known as Sanctuary Woods, to parkland or the local equivalent designation".

Milwaukee County staff have completed tasks to address each of these requests. These tasks are described below with a notation as to their current status.

1. Complete a Certified Survey Map (CSM) of the overall parcel in order to separate the woods and effectuate the rezoning to parkland. (Complete)
2. Submit a rezoning application for the woods parcel that is Tax Key 373999907. (Complete)
3. Submit a rezoning application for the new parcel containing the remaining Sanctuary Woods. (Complete)
4. Place permanent non-development restrictions on the existing County Grounds Park. (Deed restriction drafted, approval pending re-zoning)
5. Place permanent non-development restrictions on the newly expanded County Grounds park parcels.(Deed restriction drafted, approval pending re-zoning)
6. Research development restrictions on the UWM Innovation Campus and Milwaukee County Research Park. (Complete)
7. Request similar development restrictions on the Forest Exploration Center from the Wisconsin DNR. (Complete)

Milwaukee County is on a path to address the goals outlined in File #17-453 and those communicated by the City of Wauwatosa which are to protect the woods and incorporate that land permanently as parkland.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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Economic Development Director, Department of Administrative Services

Attachment (1): May 12, 2017 Letter from Wauwatosa

cc: Chris Abele, County Executive  
Scott Manske, Comptroller  
John Dargle, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture  
Economic and Community Development Committee Members  
Teig Whaley-Smith, Director, Department of Administrative Services  
Raisa Koltun, Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive  
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