From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to accept a grant from Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) and to grant a 20-year conservation easement for the installation of Green Infrastructure in Washington Park, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) is responsible for collecting and treating wastewater from local sewerage systems, and during wet weather events, stormwater enters local sewerage systems, increasing the volume of wastewater, which increases pollution levels in surface waters and the risk of flooding; and

WHEREAS, MMSD wants to promote the installation of Green Infrastructure (GI), which reduces the volume of stormwater in the sewerage system and the amount of pollutants discharged to surface waters, and MMSD does so through the GI Partnership Program (the Program), by providing funding to various entities to install critical GI; and

WHEREAS, MMSD has provided a Program grant to the Urban Ecology Center (the Funding Recipient) for the installation of GI in Washington Park (the Park); and

WHEREAS, the Funding Recipient leases land within the Park at 1840 North 40th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208 (the Leased Land), and with the consent of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), they maintain and operate the Leased Land, and desire to install GI on the Leased Land; and

WHEREAS, the Funding Recipient shall install on the Leased Land:

 10,672 square feet of native landscaping, with a capture capacity of 4,269 gallons

• 1,860 square feet of porous pavement, with a capture capacity of 5,580 gallons

 1,115 square feet of bioswales, with a capture capacity of 8,363 gallons

providing a total capture capacity of 18,212 gallons; and

WHEREAS, DPRC, as the titleholder of the Leased Land, will accept the Program grant on behalf of the Funding Recipient and then disburse the money to the Funding Recipient for installation of the GI; and

WHEREAS, Program funding provided by MMSD requires that the project area be protected and maintained through a Limited Conservation Easement (the Easement), to ensure the functionality of the GI for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County retains ownership of the Leased Land, and the Funding Recipient will operate and maintain the GI installed through the Program for at least 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Director, DPRC, recommends that MMSD be granted a 20-year Easement, requiring the Funding Recipient to keep, preserve, and maintain the GI, as required by the terms of the Program grant; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of July 8, 2025, recommended adoption of File No. 25-459 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the Register of Deeds, Corporation Counsel, and Risk Management, DAS, to prepare, review, approve, execute, amend, and record all documents, and take all actions as required to grant DPRC approval for acceptance of the Green Infrastructure Partnership Program grant and grant the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District the required 20-year Limited Conservation Easement (the Easement), to allow for the keeping, preserving, and maintaining of the Green Infrastructure on the property at 1840 North 40th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive and County Clerk are authorized to execute the grant approval, Easement, and other required documents.

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