



MMSD Tree Planting

September 2nd, 2025

Request:

- From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to grant an 10-year Maintenance Covenant to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) for tree plantings at Menomonee River Parkway. Authorization is also requested for the County Executive and County Clerk to execute all necessary documents for future plantings supported by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Grant.

Background:



On September 3, 2024, Milwaukee County Parks provided an informational report (File No. 24-719) to the Parks and Culture Committee on a forthcoming tree planting partnership at the Kinnickinnic River Parkway that showcased a partnership with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) and the non-profit Milwaukee Riverkeeper. This Project was a great success, and Milwaukee County Parks is looking to continue that relationship with MMSD and Milwaukee Riverkeeper.



MMSD's Reforestation and Wetland Restoration (RWR) Program seeks to plant six million trees and restore 4,000 acres of wetlands over ten years throughout MMSD's service area in southeastern Wisconsin to strengthen the natural processes that support managing stormwater and reducing the risk of flooding.



MMSD was awarded a grant from the United States Forest Service (USFS) that provides funding to support reforestation in southeastern Wisconsin. As part of this grant, MMSD is providing funding to implement natural flood management infrastructure for other governmental units, nonprofit organizations, and other property owners through its RWR Program.



This Green Infrastructure Project consists of reforestation on 1.38 acres of turf located within the floodplain of the Menomonee River, at Menomonee River Parkway and W. Concordia Avenue in Wauwatosa, WI. This will include 172 native trees and shrubs, which will be planted by community volunteers. All trees and shrubs will be protected from deer and rodent browse with fencing and trunk guards. Species selected for planting are recommended and approved by the Milwaukee County Parks Natural Areas department. This Green Infrastructure is projected to sequester 238,160 pounds of CO₂ and intercept 1,044,212 gallons of stormwater in the first 40 years post-installation.



By partnering with MMSD and Riverkeeper, Expanding the tree canopy within MCP's system is a key priority of the department's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan and will improve the quality of life for all Milwaukee residents.



As part of the grant requirements, MMSD requires that the green infrastructure be protected and maintained by the County and that the County grant a limited conservation easement and/or Maintenance Covenant in favor of MMSD.

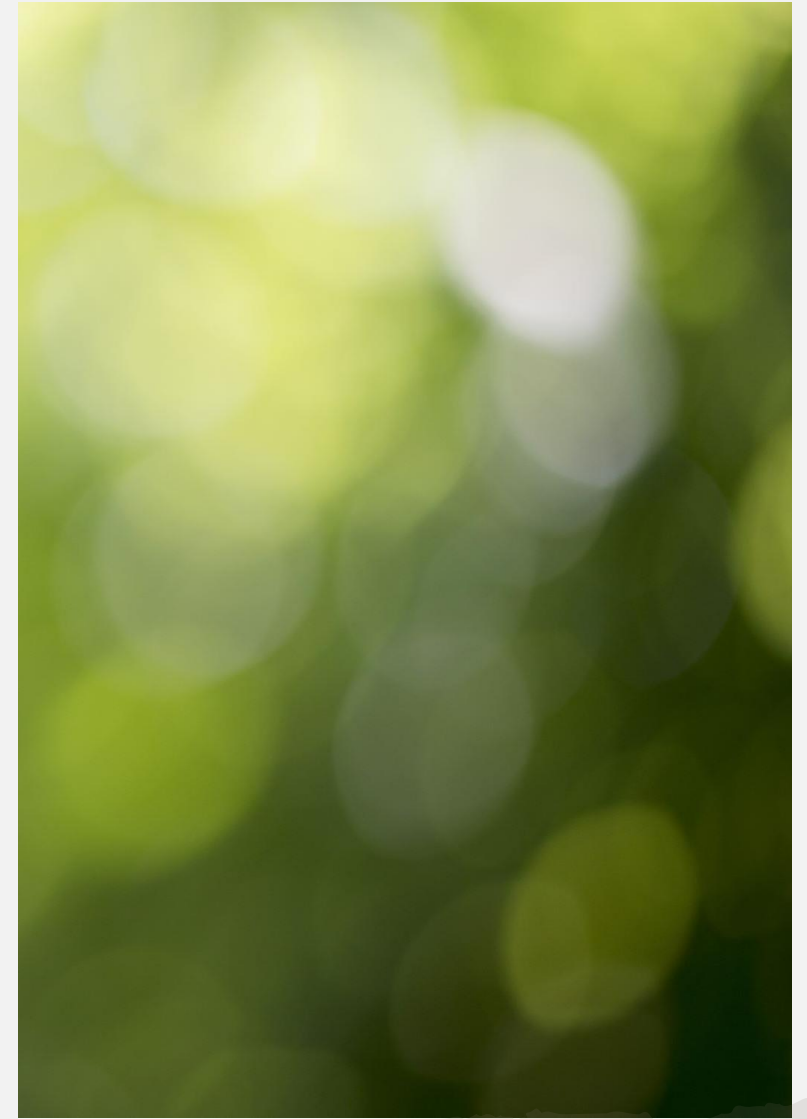
Terms:

Ten-year limited term Maintenance Covenant to keep, preserve, and maintain the green infrastructure.

County is solely responsible for the operation, maintenance, and evaluation of performance.

MMSD has the right to enter the property to inspect and monitor for compliance.

MMSD has the right to prevent any inconsistent uses.





2025 MCP, MMSD & MRK Reforestation Site

1.38 Acres
172 trees and shrubs

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Lawns

W Concordia Ave

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W Argonne Dr

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Menomonee River Pkwy

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