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(ITEM ) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting retroactive authorization to apply for one or more United States Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grants, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency will award approximately \$27.5 million for up to 30 projects, contingent upon funding, as part of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI); and

WHEREAS, projects that focus on invasive species control are eligible for funding; and

WHEREAS, the project will span two years and will address land management needs within urban parklands through direct partnerships with youth conservation corps, and the development of a community-based stewardship program to address the principal initiative of controlling rapid response populations of invasive species; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) would be requesting \$635,000 in grant funding for the project; and

WHEREAS, no monetary or in-kind match is required, however, to be competitive, DPRC will match approximately \$82,500 with existing staff costs and \$1,000 in commodities; and

WHEREAS, the announcement of this grant opportunity was made on July 15, 2014, so DPRC was unable to request authorization to apply in advance of the August 27, 2014, deadline; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of September 9, 2014, recommended adoption of the Director’s request (vote 6-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of September 18, 2014, also recommended adoption of the Director’s request (vote 8-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to apply for one or more United States Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grants.