



Dear Committee Members,

I first want to thank you for being considered for the use of County funds. The Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities oversees the two Wil-O-Way facilities, Wil-O-Way Grant in South Milwaukee, and Wil-O-Way Underwood in Wauwatosa. At the two Wil-O-Way facilities we provide much needed respite programs for adults with disabilities ages 16 and up and youth summer camp opportunities for ages 7 to 21 which provide necessary respite for working families who normally have their children in school. This summer in partnership with our recreation provider, Easterseals, we are seeking out accreditation through the American Camp Association (ACA). There are ACA standards that need to be met to receive the accreditation. We have noticed the facility has some deficits which we are trying to address through maintenance funds and are working collaboratively with the Milwaukee County Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Milwaukee County Parks Department, Milwaukee County Department of Administrative Services Facilities Management, Easterseals of Southeast Wisconsin, and Goodwill to address concerns. We have some additional concerns that will not be able to be addressed through maintenance dollars and are hoping County funds could be allocated to some of these requests. Below we have listed some of our areas of concerns, along with pictures, and estimates for the repairs.

ADA Ramp \$15,000



As you can see by the picture above the ramp is a man-made structure that was put together as a temporary fix. This temporary fix has been at the County for my entirety, which is over 10 years. The slope of the ramp, and handrails are not ADA compliant, and do not meet the ADA Standards. The estimated repair costs for this is estimated at \$14,953. There are additional areas of asphalt that Parks is looking at



patching for this spring that instead of patching could be completely replaced for \$11,698, totaling \$26,651. These estimates are based off an estimate we received from Poblacki Paving. Estimate Attached in email.

Park Benches \$25,578



After meeting with Milwaukee County Parks, we realized 7 park benches would need to be replaced at Wil-O-Way Underwood. These benches are concreted into the ground. Some have direct access next to them for an individual with a wheelchair to sit next to, and others would need additional concrete added like near our sandbox feature. The estimated costs to replace each bench is \$3,654.

<https://parkpeoplemke.org/product/bench-style-2/>



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Splash Pad \$500,000



Our office believes there are many added benefits from converting from a Wading Pool to a Splash Pad. Our current Wading pool utilizes a diatomaceous earth sock filtration system, which is toxic if inhaled. Staff utilizes proper PPE when maintaining this system. The Parks Department has gone away from these types of systems, and since installed sand filtration units at most parks, and most recently have started adding Splash Pads in Parks. The nice thing about Splash Pads is the water does not need to be recirculated, and the water can be used on demand when needed. This means we would not need a pool attendant to check the water, add chemicals, and have all the maintenance responsibilities. We currently utilize our Wading Pool for our 6-week Summer Camp, and only a few private party rentals. If a Splash Pad were to be installed, we could setup timers for specific hours for the pool to be used, and allow private party rentals, and the public to utilize this water feature on an on-demand basis. In addition to all these benefits we believe individuals in wheelchairs would feel more included as they would be able to play with their peers in this type of water feature better than a wading pool.

Our office reached out to Parkitecture for a quote on what something like this might cost. Below is a list of costs they provided us.

“We are seeing new flow through pads of similar size come in between 450-600K depending on how crazy you want to get with the features. For example, we recently did one with a large custom tree feature that was 65k alone. But a pad with typical features both above grade and below should be in the neighborhood of 150k for features, manifold, controller, and cabinet. Plumbing and installation will be another 75-100k. Miscellaneous site utility connections and pipe runs 25k. Earthwork should be no more than 20k. Concrete is a moving target at the moment, but I would estimate this to be about 60k if there is any colored concrete or patterning. Demo, mob, erosion control, etc will likely be 50k. Restoration, landscape improvements, etc 20k. This puts you just north of \$400k, so if you plan for \$500k you should have some cushion for contingency. A design/engineering effort will be 20-25k.”



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Fencing



As a part of a DOT project some of our chain link fencing was removed from Wil-O-Way Underwood. Milwaukee County Parks has been working closely with DOT to ensure this fence will be reinstalled. We have a commitment from DOT that the fence line will be restored in the early weeks of May prior to the Summer Camp starting in June. If DOT were not to replace this fence, we would ask for consideration to have this fence restored to ensure the safety of our residents.

We would like to thank you for looking over this proposal, and realize you have a lot to consider based on the number of projects that were submitted. Milwaukee County's vision is to take an all-hands approach to realizing our vision that by achieving racial equity, Milwaukee is the healthiest county in Wisconsin. Together we will dismantle institutional racism in our organization and build up policies, practices and a culture that ensures race no longer predicts health outcomes, and outcomes for everyone improve. We believe these projects will address equity issues, by ensuring everyone can be included in our programs.

Thank you again for this consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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