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## May Board Cycle

**Milwaukee County Parks**

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Date: April 16, 2021  
To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors  
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks  
Subject: Solar Installation at Oakwood Golf Course **(ACTION)**

### Issue

Milwaukee County Parks is seeking authorization to enter into a twenty-year lease and service agreement and execute a utility easement with We Energies for the purpose of installing a solar array at Oakwood Golf Course as part of We Energies' Solar Now Pilot Program.

### Background

Milwaukee County's vision is that by achieving racial equity, Milwaukee is the healthiest county in Wisconsin. Milwaukee County Parks and the Office of Sustainability have been investigating potential locations for incorporating green energy into park facilities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the corresponding health effects from particulate matter.

Milwaukee County Parks has identified an approximate 3-acre location at Oakwood Golf Course to host a 540 kilowatt ground mounted solar array. We Energies will install and operate the facility for a duration of 20 years and provide an annual lease payment to Milwaukee County Parks. The solar facility will be completely fenced with maintenance and repair under the responsibility of We Energies. There is no current active use of the proposed area as it was the previous site of the driving range which has since been relocated to the south.

There are three component agreements to the Solar Now Pilot Program:

- Lease for the area for which the panels are to be installed
- Service agreement outlining terms and compensation
- Utility easement for distributing the energy into the electrical grid



Milwaukee County Parks will elect to receive Renewable Resource Credits (REC's) as a portion of compensation. Annual compensation to Milwaukee County Parks is estimated to be \$25,000 in addition to the REC's that are generated from the hosted solar array.

### Recommendation

Parks' Executive Director recommends approval of a twenty-year lease, service agreement and utility easement with We Energies for the purpose of installing a solar array at Oakwood Golf Course as part of We Energies' Solar Now Pilot Program.

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Approved By: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks *Guy Smith*

### Attachments

- Resolution
- Fiscal Note
- Milwaukee County Parks – Oakwood Golf Course Solar

### Copy

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