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Date: November 18, 2014

To: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: John Dargle, Jr., Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture

Subject: **REVISED: Retroactive authorization to apply for one or more Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grants – ACTION**

**POLICY**

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC) is seeking retroactive authorization to apply for one or more State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry (UF) grants.

**BACKGROUND**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) makes grant funding available for municipalities, Tribes, and non-profit agencies for projects that support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs and align with the DNR’s program objectives for the year. The DPRC has been a recipient of UF grant funding in the past which resulted in the creation of the Milwaukee County Emerald Ash Borer Preparedness and Implementation Plan.

The DPRC has proposed a project entitled “Milwaukee County Parks Tree Priority Zone Inventory and Sustainability Plan” which will assist in gathering specific data on our tree inventory with the goal of developing a detailed management plan. The DPRC estimates a total project cost of \$57,427.60. Funding of \$25,000 is available and because UF grants are competitive and cost-share the DPRC will propose an in-kind match of \$32,427.60 using existing staff time.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Parks Director recommends that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture be authorized to apply for one or more Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry grants.

Prepared by: Laura Schloesser, Chief of Administration & External Affairs



**Recommended by:**

**Approved by:**

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