

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: June 18, 2025

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director for Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Permanent easement with WE Energies

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to grant an easement to WE Energies at Nicholson Rd and Ryan Rd in Oak Creek to provide for electric service relocation.

POLICY

§ 59.17(2)(b)3., Wis. Stats., states that the “county board may continue to exercise the authority under s. 59.52(6) with regard to land that is zoned as a park...”. In the law of property, authority over “land” include authority over all rights appurtenant to the land.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

BACKGROUND

WE Energies needs this easement for the purpose replacing and relocating two aging electric feeders from an electric substation in the City of Oak Creek in order to improve electric system reliability. The existing overhead feeders are on a pole line located along a railroad corridor (east of Nicholson Road) that has significant access challenges. WE Energies' plan is to relocate and bury the feeders along the route as shown on the maps and construction plans attached to this request. All of the proposed underground lines will be installed by directional boring.

Trees, bushes, branches and roots may be trimmed or removed so as not to interfere with WE Energies use of the easement area. The easement will be permanent.

Related File No's:	
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

- 3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability
- Grant of the easement will enable Parks to generate revenue.

FISCAL EFFECT

The easement will increase revenue in the Parks Operating Budget. The easement will not increase expenditures, require contingency funds, use grant funding, or funding allocated for a different year. Staff time will be required for review of Right of Entry application, but this review time will be compensated by the application fee.

TERMS

- The easement is permanent.
- Easement fee is \$1.60 per square foot
- The easement size is 21,315 ft²

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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Resolution
Fiscal Note
Draft Easement

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