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From the Executive Director of Parks requesting approval of the Northwest Side Trails Connection Plan as an amendment to the Park and Open Space Plan file 22-132, intended to serve as a guide for decision making and fulfill the County’s grant eligibility for a variety of State and Federal programs, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture last adopted a Park and Open Space Plan in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) successfully applied for, and was awarded, a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant in 2020, to undertake a focused study on trail connections in the northwest side of the County; and

WHEREAS, planning work included input from over 1,000 people, 600 of which live in the study area; and

WHEREAS, 100 percent of people surveyed who live in the study area support the development of trails on the northwest side of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Side Trails Connection Plan (the Plan) includes a detailed analysis of existing and needed trail connections, including maps and summaries of future potential projects; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is intended to provide a detailed amendment to the Park and Open Space Plan for the project area identified; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Open Space Plan is intended to serve as a guide for decision making, and fulfill the County’s grant eligibility for a variety of State of Wisconsin and Federal programs; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of April 11, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-423 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture is hereby authorized to adopt the Northwest Side Trails Connection Plan as an addendum to the 2022 Park and Open Space Plan, a long-range planning document intended to serve as a guide for decision making, and fulfill Milwaukee County’s grant eligibility for a variety of State of Wisconsin and Federal programs.