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Date: October 3, 2016  
To: Jason Haas, Chair, Parks, Energy and Environment Committee  
From: John Dargle, Jr., Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture  
Subject: **Update on Local Zoning Designations on Existing County Park Land – INFORMATIONAL**

**ISSUE**

An update to File No. 16-315 regarding the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture’s (DPRC) review of local zoning designations on existing County parkland.

**BACKGROUND**

On February 4, 2016, the Milwaukee County Board passed File No. 16-121 requesting the rezoning of 43 parcels identified in File 15-785. The County Executive’s Office submitted written requests to each appropriate municipality on January 25, 2016 for the 43 parcels identified in File No. 16-121. These parcels were related to DPRC’s review of parks owned by Milwaukee County.

In addition to the January 25, 2016 request, on February 29, 2016 the County Executive’s Office submitted written requests to each appropriate municipality for the rezoning of land which is not used for general park purposes, but is used for parkways, trails and environmental management.

The attached map shows which parcels were already zoned parks prior to the 2016 County request, and which parcels were requested to be rezoned as parks by the County Executive during the first quarter of 2016.

The following table compiles the progress that has been achieved on the parkland rezonings to date:



Municipality	Phase 1 (Parks)	Phase 2 (Parkways, Trails & Environmental Mgmt)	Notes
<i>Bayside</i>	Complete	N/A	
<i>Brown Deer</i>	Complete	N/A	
<i>Cudahy</i>	N/A	N/A	
<i>Fox Point</i>	Complete	N/A	
<i>Franklin</i>	Complete	Complete	
<i>Glendale</i>	Complete	Complete	
<i>Greendale</i>	Complete	Complete	
<i>Greenfield</i>	N/A	Complete	
<i>Hales Corners</i>	N/A	Complete	
<i>Milwaukee<sup>1</sup></i>	Complete	Complete	Some sections of parkways/parklands that did not have an assigned tax key number were not rezoned (8 parcels). <sup>2</sup>
<i>Oak Creek</i>	N/A	Complete	Parcel #9549984002 <sup>3</sup> was not rezoned by the City to leave flexibility for future planning purposes.
<i>River Hills</i>	N/A	N/A	
<i>Shorewood</i>	N/A	Pending	Plan Commission 10/25/16
<i>South Milwaukee</i>	Complete	Complete	
<i>St. Francis</i>	Complete	N/A	
<i>Wauwatosa</i>	Complete	Complete	
<i>West Allis</i>	N/A	Complete	Existing residential zoning districts in place on KK parkway were maintained by the City of West Allis (3 parcels).
<i>West Milwaukee</i>	N/A	N/A	
<i>Whitefish Bay</i>	Complete	Complete	

**TABLE KEY:** N/A = No action required at the local level due to current Park zoning  
Complete = Requested rezoning action was taken up by the local municipality. Any contingencies or exceptions are shown in the "Notes" column  
Pending = Local action scheduled, but not yet complete

<sup>1</sup> Because Clas Park falls on the same parcel as the courthouse, no action was requested to rezone the land associated with that tax key.

<sup>2</sup> Parcels that did not have a tax key assigned and/or would require creation of a new discreet parcel include segments of the KK Parkway, Lincoln Memorial Drive adjacent to Bradford Beach, Menomonee River Parkway, Milwaukee River Parkway, and Story Parkway. Exhibits attached.

<sup>3</sup> Parcel is vacant land, primarily wetlands, currently zoned M-1, Manufacturing. Exhibit attached.

Documentation of the above-listed rezonings is available in the form of completed ordinances, meeting minutes, and adopted maps. Where applicable, rezonings that were approved in municipalities that have overlapping zoning districts for shoreland-wetland, floodplain, or flood fringe areas did not change those overlying designations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No action requested. Informational item unless further action required.

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**Approved by:**



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John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director

Attachments:

- Zoning Project Map
- Park Zoning Map
- Parcel Exhibit

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