

From the Executive Director of Park requesting authorization to adopt the 2025 Milwaukee County Parks Aquatics Study as an addendum to the Parks 2050 Long-Range Plan, by recommending adoption of the following:

### AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) adopted a Long-Range Park and Open Space Plan (the Plan) in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) has engaged in an Aquatics Study (the Study) to establish planning goals to define a sustainable path forward for the aquatic amenities provided by DPRC, over a projected 20-year timeframe; and

WHEREAS, work completed included public engagement in the form of an online survey, stakeholder group input, open house events, and public intercept events; and

WHEREAS, the Study document includes topics including:

- definition of the County's primary role as a seasonal, recreational aquatics provider,
- evaluation of attendance trends,
- consideration of comparable municipal aquatic systems,
- synthesis of existing aquatic facility conditions,
- maintenance costs, both short- and long-term,
- projected trends in aquatic recreation,
- equity disparities,
- facility counts,
- type of service, availability analysis, and service areas for aquatic facilities in the County, and
- budgetary evaluations, including financial/operating analyses

; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is intended to serve as a guide for decision making, and fulfill the County's grant eligibility for a variety of State and Federal programs, and the Study will append the report findings with a detailed analysis for the Aquatics Division, DPRC; and

**WHEREAS, the Aquatic Study identified investment in Washington Park as a high priority; and**

**WHEREAS, in alignment with the recommendation of the Aquatic Study, the Parks Department submitted project WP084101, "Washington Park Aquatics," to the Capital Improvements Committee at a proposed cost of \$180,000; and**

47       **WHEREAS, although the Capital Improvements Committee did not include**  
48 **the Washington Park project in its final recommendation, the Milwaukee Parks**  
49 **Foundation and partners are committed to a fundraising effort to work towards a**  
50 **quality aquatics amenity in Washington Park; and**  
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52       WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of September 2,  
53 2025, recommended adoption of File No. 25-549 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,  
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55       BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is  
56 hereby authorized to adopt the 2025 Milwaukee County Aquatics Study as an  
57 addendum to the DPRC Long-Range Park and Open Space Plan; **and**  
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59       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board encourages the County**  
60 **Executive to include funding for project WP084101, "Washington Park Aquatics,"**  
61 **in the 2026 Milwaukee County Recommended Budget to recognize the**  
62 **partnership of the Milwaukee Parks Foundation and their commitment to**  
63 **fundraising in support of this effort.**  
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