



May Board Cycle

Milwaukee County Parks

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Date: April 16, 2021
To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks
Subject: State of Wisconsin Dept of Natural Resources Stewardship Grant **(INFO)**

Issue

Parks is applying for Stewardship Grants from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for trails in Kohl Park. Stewardship grant award would fulfill matching component from previously awarded CMAQ grant fully funding the project.

Background

In 2019 (File 19-675) Parks applied for, and successfully received \$1,972,800 in grant funding from the WIDOT's Congestion and Air Quality Improvement Project Fund for trail development in Kohl Park on the north side of Milwaukee County. The proposed 2.36-mile extension of the Oak Leaf Trail will provide a useful transportation alternative and recreational resource for the public. Because the attained funding requires that 20% of the project costs, or \$493,200, be provided by the project sponsor Parks is now planning to apply to the WI DNR's Stewardship Program for the needed matching funding. If successful, the project would be fully funded through grants requiring no County capital investment or use of operating funds for construction.

The Stewardship Program is designed to facilitate and promote "nature-based outdoor recreation." Nature-based outdoor recreation consists of activities whose primary purpose is the appreciation or enjoyment of nature. Examples include hunting, trapping, fishing, multi-use trail activities, picnicking, and wildlife or nature observation. Support facilities that enhance nature-based outdoor recreation and/or improve disabled accessibility access such as roads and parking lots are also eligible for Stewardship funding. Program funds are reimbursed on a 1:1 state-local cost-share basis.



Recommendation

No action necessary as report is informational in nature.

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Attachments

- Project Area Map
- CMAQ Funding Agreement

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