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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to apply for, accept, and implement one or more Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Green Infrastructure Partnership Program grants, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) is providing funding to increase green infrastructure (GI) implementation and innovation within its service area through its Green Infrastructure Partnership Program; and

WHEREAS, GI technologies capture and reduce pollutant loadings to area waterways and reduce flows that must be conveyed and treated by MMSD sewers and reclamation facilities; and

WHEREAS, examples of GI include constructed wetlands, native landscaping, porous pavement, stormwater trees, bioswales, greenways, and rain gardens; and

WHEREAS, GI measures typically are installed along river corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) owns much of the land along the river corridors in Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, since the protection and improvement of land and water resources is an important part of DPRC’s mission, there is a need and an interest on the part of DPRC to utilize GI measures to the fullest extent practicable; and

WHEREAS, the MMSD Green Infrastructure Partnership Program provides an opportunity for DPRC to offset some of the costs associated with the installation of those practices; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Director recommends that DPRC be authorized to submit one or more MMSD Green Infrastructure Partnership Program grant applications and to undertake all actions and activities necessary to accept and implement Green Infrastructure Partnership Program grant awards offered to Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of March 11, 2014, recommended adoption of the Department’s request (vote 7-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of March 13, 2014, recommended the Department’s request be **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** (vote 8-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to apply for one or more Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Green Infrastructure Partnership Program grants.

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