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3 From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to execute a project  
4 agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Great Lakes Legacy  
5 Act (GLLA) Focused Feasibility Study, Pre-Design Investigation, and Remedial Design  
6 of the remaining impacted sediments in the Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern, by  
7 recommending adoption of the following:

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9 **A RESOLUTION**

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11 WHEREAS, the United States (U.S.)-Canada Great Lakes Water Quality  
12 Agreement defines Areas of Concern (AOC) as "geographic areas designated by the  
13 Parties where significant impairment of beneficial uses has occurred as a result of  
14 human activities at the local level"; and

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16 WHEREAS, there are 27 U.S. AOCs in the Great Lakes basin, including the  
17 Milwaukee Estuary AOC; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the  
20 Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) have worked together to  
21 complete work on the South Shore Park Water Quality Improvement Study, the Kletzsch  
22 Park Dam Fish Passage Study, and the Little Menomonee River Corridor Habitat  
23 Restoration; and

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25 WHEREAS, there is a community goal to complete the work to delist the  
26 Milwaukee AOC in six to eight years; and

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28 WHEREAS, contaminated sediment has been identified in an area of Milwaukee  
29 County (the County) referred to as the Milwaukee River Downstream, meaning the river  
30 and floodplain areas downstream of Estabrook Park; and

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32 WHEREAS, a project has been proposed, which will include a feasibility study  
33 and design for the removal, and remediation of this known contamination; and

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35 WHEREAS, the County is being requested to participate in the project by  
36 providing access to the project sites, with no monetary contribution required; and

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38 WHEREAS, other project partners include the WDNR, Milwaukee Metropolitan  
39 Sewerage District, the City of Milwaukee (the City) and its division of the  
40 Redevelopment Authority of the City, the Wisconsin Electric Power Company, and the  
41 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), represented by the Great Lakes National  
42 Program Office, as well as their contractors and representatives; and

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44 WHEREAS, the County does not have a fiscal obligation for this project, but the  
45 combined in-kind contributions from other project sponsors as well as the EPA's funding  
46 bring the total expected project cost to approximately \$29,000,000; and

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of September 10, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-678 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency to participate as a non-fiscal project partner for this project, pending review by the Milwaukee County Office of Corporation Counsel.

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