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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to grant HSI - Oak Creek Partners, LLC, permanent easements in and across the Oak Creek Parkway to allow for the construction of a connection to the Oak Leaf Trail, and the discharge of storm water to the Oak Creek Parkway, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, HSI – Oak Creek Partners, LLC, (HSI) is preparing to develop a new multi-family residential development in the City of Oak Creek; and

WHEREAS, the development will be located northwest of the intersection of East Drexel Avenue and South Pennsylvania Avenue; and

WHEREAS, this property is currently undeveloped and adjacent to the Oak Creek Parkway; and

WHEREAS, HSI has requested that Milwaukee County (the County) grant it a permanent easement to discharge storm water, construct, operate, maintain related storm water improvements, and a connection to the Oak Leaf Trail in and across the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture's (DPRC) property in the Oak Creek Parkway; and

WHEREAS, this section of the parkway is also undeveloped with the exception of a segment of Oak Leaf Trail that runs north and west of the development, and connects with the other trail segments located in the southeast part of the County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development will have an internal system of roads and walks connecting to both East Drexel Avenue and South Pennsylvania Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the site currently slopes toward the north and drains to the Oak Creek Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the development will have an internal storm water collection system that collects water into a detention pond that ultimately will drain to the creek in the same general location that the current surface runoff does; and

WHEREAS, the storm water will be discharged within the boundaries of the HSI property but would flow across the park lands on its way to the Oak Creek; and

WHEREAS, the final proposed storm system alignment was chosen to minimize the impact to DPRC property; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed easement will provide the land rights to discharge storm water and install, operate, and maintain a trail connection across and on County land; and

WHEREAS, DPRC has reviewed the preliminary plans for these proposed improvements to minimize potential impacts to County park land from the proposed improvements within the subject area; and

WHEREAS, all areas disturbed by the construction, operation, or maintenance of the subject areas will be restored to DPRC specifications at no cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, the project is scheduled to begin construction in 2016; and

WHEREAS, HSI and its contractors will perform all construction, operation, maintenance, and site restoration for these improvements at no cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, appropriate County staff will review and approve all documents as required prior to execution; and

WHEREAS, the Director, DPRC, has recommended that DPRC, the Department of Administrative Services, Corporation Counsel, and Risk Management Division staff be authorized to negotiate, prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all documents, and perform all actions required to grant permanent easements to HSI to discharge storm water and for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a public connection to the Oak Leaf Trail within the Oak Creek Parkway; and

WHEREAS, it is further recommended that the County Executive and the Milwaukee County Clerk be authorized to execute the easements as required; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of July 19, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, the Department of Administrative Services, Risk Management, Corporation Counsel, and the Register of Deeds to negotiate, prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all documents, and perform all actions as required to grant, execute and implement the required permits and easements to HSI, Oak Creek Partners, LLC, for the construction, operation, and maintenance of storm water drainage improvements and a connection to the Oak Leaf Trail in and across portions of the Oak Creek Parkway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive and the Milwaukee County Clerk are authorized to execute the easement and required documents.

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