



May Board Cycle

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Date: April 20, 2018
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, CPRP, Interim Parks Director
Subject: **Authorization for Lease Agreement with UW-Extension for Community Gardens (ACTION)**

Policy

Milwaukee County Parks requests authorization to enter into a Lease Agreement with UW-Extension for community gardens within Forest Hill, Kohl, Rainbow, Cupertino, Firefly Ridge, Moody, and Sherman Parks.

Background

Parks and the UW-Extension community gardens program have partnered for years in various locations to provide gardens that are available to the public. Different initiatives over the years have resulted in defined areas within several parks for gardening and food production. The UW-Extension Master Gardener program has helped to provide the expertise and daily management of these locations. Parks and UW-Extension seek to memorialize the relationship at these locations under one overarching Lease Agreement.

The locations that would be addressed within this Lease are portions of the following, also described in Attachment 4 to this file:

- Forest Hill - 9 acres located at 1800 East Forest Hill Avenue in Oak Creek
- Kohl Park - 46.8 acres located at 7603 West County Line Road in Milwaukee
- Rainbow Park – 0.5 acres located at 700 South 119th Street in West Allis
- Cupertino Park – 1,630 square feet located at 2000 East Iron Street in Milwaukee
- Firefly Ridge – 9 acres located at 10261 Underwood Parkway in Wauwatosa
- Moody Park – 1,630 square feet located at 2200 West Burleigh Street in Milwaukee
- Sherman Park – 3800 North Sherman Boulevard in Milwaukee, Wisconsin



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Lease

The Lease Agreement between the County and UW-Extension is attached to this File, for reference the general terms are as follows:

- Use – UW-Extension would operate the community garden program in a similar manner to what is currently provided
- Term – 10 years with two additional 5-year extensions
- Fees – UW-Extension would pay water bills but not pay rent to the County
- Annual reports – UW-Extension would provide the County with annual reports of activities at the leased locations
- Litter – UW-Extension would be responsible for daily upkeep of the sites include trash and litter removal

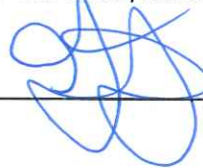
Under this relationship the County and UW-Extension would continue to collaborate on programming to ensure that all members of the public have access to community garden resources.

Recommendation

Authorize County to enter into a Lease Agreement with UW-Extension for the management of community gardens at various locations throughout the parks system.

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Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Fiscal Note
- Attachment 2 – Resolution
- Attachment 3 – Lease Agreement
- Attachment 4 – Maps

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