

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 12, 2021

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Milwaukee County Park and Open Space Plan

File Type: Informational Report

REQUEST

Review of final draft document prepared by SEWRPC and to serve as update to the Milwaukee County Park and Open Space Plan, a long-range planning document that will guide decision making and fulfill the County's grant eligibility for a variety of State and Federal programs. Action item on the same is planned to return in January of 2022.

POLICY

State grant eligibility dependent on application(s) consistency with local planning.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	NR 51.904(4)
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

BACKGROUND

An update to Milwaukee County's Park and Open Space Plan (aka 2050 Plan) has been in development for several years. Primary topics of the plan include:

- Chapter 1 – Introduction, system history, plan purpose, and project methodology including approval.
- Chapter 2 - Information about the County pertinent to park and open space planning, including information on the existing resident population, land use pattern, and natural resource base of the County.
- Chapter 3 - Information on existing park sites and facilities and open space lands within the County.
- Chapter 4 - A framework for plan development, including summaries of existing reports and public input opportunities that may influence the development of the plan

- Chapter 5 - Level of service information; preservation, acquisition, and development objectives, principles, and standards; and an analysis of the County's park and open space needs
- Chapter 6 – A recommended park and open space plan that identifies the actions required to carry out the recommended plan.

Related File No's:	15-97, 15-281, 16-295, 16-582, 16-707, 17-155, 17-232
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	2/12/2015, 5/19/2015, 3/31/2017

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity.

FISCAL EFFECT

This project was previously budgeted for and no additional costs are anticipated other than internal staff time.

File 15-97 authorized the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) to assist DPRC in completing its Park and Open Space Plan and conducting a Milwaukee County Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, with the understanding that DPRC will compensate SEWRPC in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 by using remaining 2014 funds allocated for professional services.

TERMS

Long-term advisory document


VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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Park and Open Space Plan Final Draft Report, PowerPoint

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