

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: February 18, 2022

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

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks seeking authorization to Apply for and Accept State of Wisconsin Stewardship Grant funding

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

Milwaukee County Parks requests permission to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Stewardship grant to fund the match required for the Kohl Park Oak Leaf Trail project.

BACKGROUND

In 2019 (File 19-675) Parks applied for, and successfully received \$1,972,800 in grant funding from the WIDOT's Congestion and Air Quality Improvement Project Fund for trail development in Kohl Park on the north side of Milwaukee County. The proposed 2.36-mile extension of the Oak Leaf Trail will provide a useful transportation alternative and recreational resource for the public. CMAQ funding requires that 20% of the project costs, or \$493,200, be provided by the project sponsor. Parks has continued to apply to other grants, including the WI DNR's Stewardship Program for the needed matching funding. If successful, the project may be fully funded through grants requiring no County capital investment or use of operating funds for construction.

Related File No's:	19-675, 20-319, 21-418
Previous Action Date(s):	10/17/2019,

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This project will address pillars 2A, 3A and 3C. Expansion of the trail network to underserved communities and expanding links across the county help provide equitable amenities, address the availability of recreation and dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities.

FISCAL EFFECT

If awarded the grant would satisfy the local match required by the previously awarded grant and result in no appropriations for the project.

TERMS

CMAQ grant and project must be completed by June 30, 2026.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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APPROVED BY:

Guy Smith, Parks Executive Director



ATTACHMENTS:

A1- Kohl Map

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