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3 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

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5 Authorizing and requesting the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture to plan
6 and execute a goat landscaping demonstration project on County park land in 2022 and
7 allocating \$5,000 from Org. Unit 1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to cover the
8 removal cost of the woody invasive species
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10 WHEREAS, utilizing goats for landscape management can be an
11 environmentally friendly alternative to mechanical thinning or chemical treatment; and
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13 WHEREAS, other Wisconsin municipalities such as Madison, Wausau, and
14 Mequon have demonstrated successful implementation of goat landscaping for the
15 control of woody invasive species; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved an Amended
18 Resolution, File No. 21-873, which directed the Department of Parks, Recreation and
19 Culture to research and develop a framework for the use of goats for landscaping to
20 include the following topics:

- 21 • Locations in Milwaukee County Parks best suited for their use
- 22 • Invasive species present in Milwaukee County Parks
- 23 • Other municipalities that currently use, or have used in the past, goats for
24 landscaping needs that are comparable to Milwaukee County
- 25 • Overall costs associated with the project, both financial and staffing
- 26 • Overall feasibility of the project
- 27 • Timeline to implement the project

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30 **WHEREAS, as reported by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture**
31 **in File No. 22-382, to achieve best results, any demonstration project utilizing**
32 **goats for the control of woody invasive species should be planned as a**
33 **three-year minimum commitment to sufficiently suppress the invasive species**
34 **and reestablish native plants; and**
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36 **WHEREAS, according to information provided by the Department of Parks,**
37 **Recreation and Culture, the total project cost for a three-year, three-acre**
38 **demonstration project would be approximately \$33,682 and subsequent year**
39 **funding would have to be appropriated in future County budgets; and**
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41 WHEREAS, a demonstration project would help the Department of Parks,
42 Recreation and Culture staff develop the framework for the use of goats for landscaping
43 for the control of woody invasive species; and
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45 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 17, 2022,
46 recommended adoption of File No. 22-395 as amended (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture is authorized and requested to evaluate and select a site that would benefit from the thinning and defoliating of invasive species and overgrown brush by a managed herd of goats **in a multi-year demonstration project**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon selection of a proposed site, the Department of Administrative Services shall initiate the Request for Proposal process to solicit proposals from vendors providing rental of a managed goat herds for the purpose of vegetative invasive species control; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance and Office of the Comptroller are authorized to process an appropriation transfer of ~~\$5,000~~ **\$11,000** from Org. Unit 1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies (Account 78950 Appropriation for Contingency) to Org. Unit 9000 – Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (Account 60907 Sundry Services); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture shall report back to the County Board by the end of calendar year 2022 with an update on the implementation of the project and consideration of additional sites that could benefit from a similar project in 2023.

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