

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: February 10th, 2023

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

From: Joe Lamers, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance

Subject: Milwaukee County Parks requests authorization to create 1.0 FTE Special Projects Coordinator and 1.0 FTE Reforestation

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MCGO 17.05 and Wis. Stats 59.60(10), require the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (SBP) to review departmental position create requests for need, appropriateness, and funding availability.

NEED AND APPROPRIATENESS

☒ SBP concurs with the department report on the need and appropriateness of this position request.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY

- A. ☒ The efforts of the Parks Forestry Team have focused on user and structure safety by removing dead trees throughout the county. Milwaukee County Parks removed over 2,500 trees in 2021. Through funding provided to the Milwaukee Parks Foundation from its partners the Fund for Lake Michigan and Molson Coors, Milwaukee County Parks will hire a Reforestation Coordinator. The Reforestation Coordinator will implement tree replanting efforts to systematically restore tree canopy throughout Milwaukee County parkland. Milwaukee County Parks has seen an influx of funding through both governmental programs (ARPA, Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act) and the Milwaukee Parks Foundation.
- B. Milwaukee County Parks will hire a Special Projects Coordinator to provide additional capacity to implement small, medium, and large improvement projects to begin reducing deferred maintenance throughout the system. These positions were not budgeted for in 2023 but are fully funded for two years through a grant from the Milwaukee Parks Foundation (via Fund for Lake Michigan and Molson Coors). The Milwaukee Parks foundation will provide \$325,000 from mid-2023 through mid-2025 to cover the costs of employee salaries and equipment/technology.

- ☒ Grant Revenue that expires 2025
- ☐ Other

Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance