

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: August 18, 2023

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

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Authorization to revise the scope of WP069401-Oak Creek Parkway-S MKE Mill Pond Dam to include public input and potential design alternatives provided in the SEWRPC Restoration Plan for Oak Creek Watershed

File Type: Action Report

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**REQUEST**

Milwaukee County Parks is requesting authorization to revise the adopted scope of WP069401-Oak Creek Parkway S. MKE Mill Pond Dam to include public input and potential design alternatives provided in the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission report *Restoration Plan for the Oak Creek Watershed*

**POLICY**

Wisconsin State Statutes:	59.50
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	2022
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	WP069401

**BACKGROUND**

The 2022 Adopted budget included project WP069401-Oak Creek Parkway – S MKE Mill Pond Dam in the amount of \$283,681 provided through sales and use taxes. The initial scope of work was to execute planning, design & construction of repairs to the Mill Pond Dam and drain structure. The impetus for the departmental request is an active order from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to complete sluice gate repairs, masonry repairs and vegetative removal.

Concurrently, a study by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) on the Oak Creek Watershed was being completed which contemplated recommendations to improve water quality, habitat, recreational access and use and reduce flooding.

Milwaukee County Parks has completed preliminary progress on rectifying the original

issues and maintains unexpended funding of \$245,000 within the project. Milwaukee County Parks is requesting permission to revise the scope of WP069401 to include public input on the recommendations included in the SEWRPC watershed restoration report. The SEWRPC plan included five alternatives as potential solutions to address environmental concerns and improve conditions at Mill Pond and the dam area. Milwaukee County Parks would like to explore the community viability of these alternatives prior to expending capital funding to replace/repair the sluice gate in-kind.

Related File No's:	23-308
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

### **ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

This action aligns to strategic objectives 3A & 3B by attempting to address historical accumulation of sediment and impairments to healthy habitats as well as investigate how to advance a footprint for the Milwaukee County Parks system that is sustainable both financially and environmentally.

### **FISCAL EFFECT**

Funding was appropriated in 2021 through capital budget and sufficient funding remains to execute this request.

### **TERMS**

None

### **VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

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