

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36  
37  
38  
39  
40  
41  
42  
43  
44

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into any and all contracts and take all actions necessary to effectuate a \$3,000,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Little Menomonee River Parkway Restoration - Design, Implementation and Oversight project in the Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the United States (U.S.) - Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement defines Areas of Concern (AOC) as "geographic areas designated by the Parties where significant impairment of beneficial uses has occurred, as a result of human activities at the local level;" and

WHEREAS, there are 27 U.S. AOCs in the Great Lakes basin, including the Milwaukee Estuary AOC; and

WHEREAS, habitat restoration within the Little Menomonee River Parkway (LMRP) was identified as a necessary fish and wildlife restoration project in the Milwaukee Estuary AOC Remedial Action Plan (RAP) 2015 Update; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has provided Milwaukee County (the County) with a draft Grant Agreement (the Grant) for \$3,000,000 to carry out the Scope of Work (SOW) for the LMRP – Design, Implementation, and Oversight Project in the Milwaukee Estuary AOC; and

WHEREAS, projects in the SOW will help with an overall goal of delisting the Milwaukee Estuary AOC; and

WHEREAS, the State DNR expects that it will have authority to execute the Grant with the County by October 2023; and

WHEREAS, to meet State and Federal deadlines, the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), is requesting authority to prepare, review, approve, and execute all contracts, amendments, agreements, and any other documents, and take all actions required for the purpose of administering the Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of September 12, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-784 (vote 4-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 14, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-784 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

45 BE IT RESOLVED, upon the execution of the Grant Agreement (the Grant)  
46 between Milwaukee County (the County) and the State of Wisconsin Department of  
47 Natural Resources for Sections 1 through 6 of the Little Menomonee River Corridor in  
48 the Milwaukee Area of Concern, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes  
49 the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, Department of Administrative  
50 Services (DAS), Office of Corporation Counsel, Risk Management Division-DAS, Office  
51 of Economic Inclusion-DAS, Office of the Comptroller, County Executive, and any other  
52 County Department that may be necessary, to prepare, review, approve, and execute  
53 all contracts, amendments, agreements, fund transfers, and any other documents, and  
54 take all actions required for the purpose of administering the above-referenced Grant to  
55 carry out the Scope of Work that is attached to this file to expend the full Grant amount  
56 of \$3,000,000.

57

58

59 jmj

60 09/14/23

61 s:\committees\2023\september\finance sept 14\resolutions\23-784 little menomonee river parkway.docx