

From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to apply for and accept a State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Grant, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers the Urban and Community Forestry projects specified in Sections 23.097(1g) and (1r), Wisconsin State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the DNR is seeking to fund projects through its Urban Forestry Grants Program (the Grant); and

WHEREAS, the Grant is designed to support projects and programs that improve a community's capacity to manage its trees; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is seeking the Grant funding to fund the purchase of trees, to expedite planting efforts to mitigate the impacts of trees removed due to diseases, such as Emerald Ash Borer; and

WHEREAS, the Grant will expand the capacity of the DPRC's forestry operation by increasing the amount of funding towards tree purchasing, improving the ability for DPRC to replace trees removed due to Emerald Ash Borer, increasing tree diversity, and implementing forestry management plans; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is \$50,000, with a DNR share of \$25,000 and a local match of \$25,000, provided through the existing forestry budget and in-kind staff labor; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Grant requirements, the DPRC identifies the Land Resource Division-DPRC Operations Manager as the authorized representative to complete the following:

- Sign and submit the grant application and agreement between Milwaukee County and the DNR.
- Submit interim and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the requirements of the Grant agreement.
- Submit Grant reimbursement requests to the DNR.
- Sign and submit other required documentation.

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WHEREAS, DPRC attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the Grant application; and

47 WHEREAS, the DPRC requests a Grant Agreement to carry out the project; and

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49 WHEREAS, projects may start no earlier than January 1, 2024, and must be  
50 completed by December 31, 2024; and

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52 WHEREAS, the Director, DPRC, recommends that the DPRC be authorized to  
53 apply for and to accept the Grant; and

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55 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of  
56 September 12, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-794 (vote 4-0); now,  
57 therefore,

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59 BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
60 will comply with all local, State, and Federal rules, regulations, and ordinances relating  
61 to this project and the cost-share Agreement; and

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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPRC is hereby retroactively authorized to  
64 apply for and to accept the 2024 State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
65 Urban Forestry Grant identified above.

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