

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: February 16, 2024

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

From: Guy D. Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Easement for a WE Energies gas line relocation, as part of the City of Wauwatosa reconstruction of the bridge over the Honey Creek at Wisconsin Avenue

File Type: Action report

REQUEST

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting a permanent easement for a WE Energies gas line relocation, as part of the City of Wauwatosa reconstruction of the bridge over the Honey Creek at Wisconsin Avenue.

POLICY

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

BACKGROUND

The City of Wauwatosa is planning to replace the bridge on Wisconsin Avenue over the Honey Creek, west of the intersection of Honey Creek Parkway and Wisconsin Avenue, at the border of the City of Milwaukee and City of Wauwatosa. Construction for the bridge replacement will commence in 2025. Prior to the bridge replacement several utilities have to relocate their alignments in 2024 and 2025.

WE Energies has a gas main that currently runs along the existing bridge on Wisconsin Avenue. The bridge reconstruction will not allow WE Energies to retain the current alignment. Due to the scope of the trenching required to relocate both a 24-inch gas main and a 6-inch gas main, WE Energies has to relocate the gas service to a nearby location on County owned land.

Milwaukee County Parks frequently coordinates with WE Energies for the purpose of

utility services both to Parks facilities and across parkland. Parks has reviewed this request and based on the size of the easement, the necessity of this relocation due to the public works project, and the overall benefit to the community, is recommending approval of this easement. WE Energies is paying \$1.60/square foot as compensation for the easement. The payment for the 0.32 acre easement will be \$22,320.

Related File No's:	24-118
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	14-438
Previous Action Date(s):	

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability

FISCAL EFFECT

Increase revenue by \$22,320.00.

TERMS

- The easement is permanent.
- One-time payment of \$22,320.00.
- The easement size is 0.32 Acres (13,950 sq. Ft.)

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES


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ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution
- Fiscal Note
- Exhibit Attachments

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