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A resolution by Supervisor Weishan, Jr., requesting the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to collaborate with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the Friends of the Monarch Trail to assess and submit an informational report on the environmental impacts of constructing a newly proposed parkway on Milwaukee County grounds, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Grounds (County Grounds) is home to various natural wildlife and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, there is a substantial portion of designated parkland on the County Grounds, and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) has designated portions that contain critical species habitats as isolated natural resource areas; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) is also a stakeholder in the interest of activity that occurs on the County Grounds due to their ownership of various parcels of land that UWM Innovation Campus occupies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wauwatosa (the City) has recently circulated a draft of a proposed Wauwatosa Quadrant Master Plan (Master Plan) that contains recommended land use improvements and developments in parcels of land on the County Grounds; and

WHEREAS, as part of the suggested improvements in this quadrant plan, the construction of a newly proposed "Emerald Parkway" is included to be installed north of Watertown Plank Road and south of North Swan Boulevard, to extend eastward from the existing roundabout on Discovery Parkway, which overlaps with the parcels of land that belong to UWM; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed Emerald Parkway is constructed as it is currently projected, it would intersect through the isolated natural resource area designated by SEWRPC as a critical species habitat site, which could potentially impact a flying squirrel reintroduction area, and existing storm water management infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) has a responsibility to closely monitor any proposed or ongoing activity that could potentially impact the environmental balance of the County's natural land, and other land stakeholders should be aware of all plans for future land use; and

44 WHEREAS, although no formal action has yet been taken by the City to
45 implement the proposed Master Plan, it is prudent for the County to be proactive in
46 assessing any potential environmental outcomes that may occur as a by-product of
47 future land development; and

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49 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
50 October 25, 2016, recommended adoption of this resolution (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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52 BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture is
53 requested to collaborate with representatives from both the University of Wisconsin-
54 Milwaukee (UWM) and the Friends of the Monarch Trail group to collectively produce an
55 assessment report on the potential environmental impact and scope of work that may
56 result from the construction of the “Emerald Parkway” as proposed in the most recent
57 draft of the Wauwatosa Quadrant Master Plan (Master Plan); and

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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the following questions should be answered
60 within the findings of the requested assessment report:

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- 62 • Is the construction of the proposed Emerald Parkway consistent with the
63 UWM Innovation Campus/Milwaukee County (the County) Grounds
64 existing or future Master Plan?
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 - 66 • What would be the impact to the effectiveness of the existing storm water
67 management system and natural species habitats if Emerald Parkway is
68 constructed?
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 - 70 • What would be the impact to the City of Wauwatosa’s (the City) current
71 Tax Incremental Financing mechanism? Will it expand to allow for the
72 construction of the proposed parkway? How would it affect the County?
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 - 74 • Has the City completed the rezoning of parkland areas within the County
75 Grounds? What is the municipal zoning status of the land on the County
76 Grounds?

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79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the report should also include a detailed map that
80 specifically outlines which parcels are County-owned land, and which parcels are
81 privately-owned land on the County Grounds; and

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83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this report should be submitted to the Milwaukee
84 County Board of Supervisors no later than the March 2017 cycle.

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