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Date: May 22, 2017  
To: Jason Haas, Chair, Parks, Energy and Environment Committee  
From: John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director, Milwaukee County Parks  
Subject: **Fund Transfer Request to add WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant funding to the Oak Leaf Trail (OLT) - Root River Extension Project (INFORMATION)**

**ISSUE**

Informational report on the Fund Transfer Request to recognize WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant funding for a new paved trail connection from approximately 8400 W Root River Parkway, through The Rock Sports Complex, down Old Loomis Road, to 6800 W Loomis Road.

**BACKGROUND**

The Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services Section of the Department of Administrative Services and the Milwaukee County Parks request a fund transfer to add expenditure authority to Capital Project WP492, Oak Leaf Trail - Root River Extension. Permission to apply for the grant was authorized as part of County Board File 16-207.

The OLT - Root River Extension project proposes to construct a new paved trail through The Rock Sports Complex, which includes the Crystal Ridge ski hill. The original project scope intended to route the OLT extension around the west side of the Crystal Ridge ski hill and then along The Rock internal paved surfaces. It was determined during the design phase that the intended route was not an acceptable route due to unstable soils and inability to safely meet U.S. Access Board's Outdoor Developed Area ADA guidelines. Due to these restrictions, the proposed trail is planned for a different route through The Rock. Although, the proposed trail will start and end at the same locations as the originally intended route, the new route will require a longer length of constructed paved trail.

The current project budget is \$1,075,840, whereby the project is 80% funded with Federal TAP grant funding in the amount of \$860,672, and 20% County match funding in the amount of \$215,168. Milwaukee County applied for a WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant seeking funding to assist in the construction cost of the trail project.



The County has been awarded \$88,828 in stewardship grant funding. The grant funding will provide additional expenditure authority to offset the costs for the longer length of paved trail and can be used to offset the County match if project costs come in under budget.

There are no County funds being added to this project as part of the fund transfer request.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No action requested. Informational item unless further action required.

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**Approved by:**



John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 – Location Map

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