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Date: October 12, 2018

To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Director, Parks Department

Subject: Authorization to Apply for Two 2019-2020 Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) Coastal Resilience Program Grants – ACTION

POLICY

Authorization to apply for two 2019-2020 WCMP Coastal Resilience grants.

BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) administers WCMP Coastal Resilience grants in collaboration with the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council (WCMC) and the Office for Coastal Management (OCM), U.S. Department of Commerce, through funding provided under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

The WCMP's Coastal Resilience grants program is designed to proactively **address vulnerabilities to coastal hazards**. Toward that end the Parks Department is seeking Coastal Resilience funding for two projects. The first involves the development of a formal policy and coastal land management practices to assist with preventing or reducing shoreline recession, bluff failure, or erosion on County lands. The completed policy and set of guidelines will enhance Milwaukee County's ability to respond to, withstand, and adapt to coastal hazard issues by:

- Enabling the County to address coastal bluff stabilization in a more proactive manner.
- Improving the County's responsiveness to coastal damage events.
- Providing County staff with support, backed by extensive research and review, in discussions with local groups about how coastal bluffs should be managed.

The estimated cost of the project is \$22,900 with a WCMP share of \$15,100 and the Milwaukee County required local match of \$7,800 (in-kind in the form of staff resources).



The second project, involves the preparation of a comprehensive study to identify and address the vulnerability of its coastal resources, facilities, assets, and infrastructure (herein referred to as coastal resources) to extreme weather. The study will inventory Milwaukee County's coastal resources, summarize their current status, assign values to those resources, and prioritize them according to vulnerability and value. The comprehensive study of its coastal resources is an important first step in an effort to improve Milwaukee County's preparedness for extreme weather. The estimated cost of the project is \$70,760 with a WCMP share of \$41,800 and the Milwaukee County required local match of \$28,960 (in-kind in the form of staff resources).

Projects may start no earlier than January 1, 2019 and must be completed by December 31, 2019. Coastal Resilience applications were due October 5, 2018. Hence, this is a retroactive request for authorization to apply.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize Parks to apply for the two projects 2019-2020 WCMP Coastal Resilience projects identified above.

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Approved by:

Guy Smith, Director

Attachments:

- Fiscal Note
- Resolution

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