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## December Board Cycle

## Milwaukee County Parks

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Date: November 14, 2018

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

From: Guy Smith, CPRP, Parks Director

Subject: **MMSD 10-Year Conservation Easement for Green Infrastructure Funding in Milwaukee River Parkway (ACTION)**

### Policy

Parks requests authorization to grant a 10-year conservation easement to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) for the grant-funded green infrastructure project area in the Milwaukee River Parkway, just south of Capitol Drive.

### Background

The River Revitalization Foundation has worked in coordination with the Parks Department to receive \$48,100 in grant funding from MMSD for a slope stabilization project that includes green infrastructure components such as bioswales and native plantings. The project includes removal of invasive vegetation, slope washout repair, new stairway access, and a rustic trail installation at the river's edge. The project also includes funding contributions from the Parks Amenities Matching Fund (PAMF) and a grant from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program.

This project's green infrastructure is estimated to have a total retention capacity of approximately 51,975 gallons of storm water.

Grant funding provided by MMSD requires that the project area be protected and maintained in a conservation easement to assure the functionality of the green infrastructure for 10-years. As landowner, Milwaukee County Parks is the agency that will grant the easement.

### Recommendation

Authorize Parks to prepare, review, approve, execute, record and/or implement the required documents or perform actions required to grant a 10-year conservation easement to MMSD for the construction, operation



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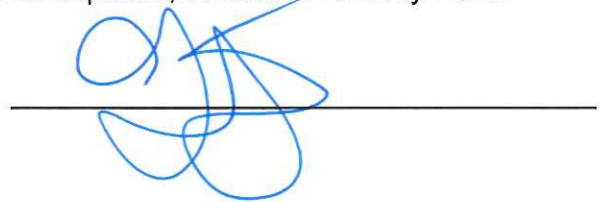


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and maintenance of green infrastructure in Milwaukee River Parkway. It is further recommended that that the County Executive and County Clerk be authorized to execute any required documents.

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Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Fiscal Note
- Attachment 2 – Resolution
- Attachment 3 – Easement
- Attachment 4 – Right-of-Entry Permit and Plans

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