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(ITEM NO. ) From the Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to execute a project agreement with the EPA for the Great Lakes Legacy Act (GLLA) Focused Feasibility Study, Pre-Design Investigation, and Remedial Design of Remaining Impacted Sediments in the Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern, by recommending adoption of the following:

## **A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The U.S.-Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement defines AOCs as "geographic areas designated by the Parties where significant impairment of beneficial uses has occurred as a result of human activities at the local level", or an AOC; and

WHEREAS, there are 27 U.S. AOCs in the Great Lakes basin, including the Milwaukee Estuary AOC; and

WHEREAS, the WDNR and Parks have worked together to complete work on the South Shore Park Water Quality Improvement Study, the Kletzsch Park Dam Fish Passage Study, and the Little Menomonee River Corridor Habitat Restoration; and

WHEREAS, there is a community goal is to complete the work in to delist the Milwaukee AOC in 6-8 years; and

WHEREAS, contaminated sediment has been identified in an area of Milwaukee County referred to as the Milwaukee River Downstream, meaning the river and floodplain areas downstream of Estabrook Park; and

WHEREAS, a project has been proposed which will include a feasibility study and design for the removal and remediation of this known contamination; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is being requested to participate in the project by providing access to the project sites, with no monetary contribution required; and

WHEREAS, other project partners include the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), the City of Milwaukee and its division of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee (RACM), We Energies, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), represented by the Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO), as well as their contractors and representatives; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County does not have a fiscal obligation for this project, but the combined in-kind contributions from other project sponsors as well as the EPA’s funding bring the total expected project cost to approximately $29,000,000; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the DPRC is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the EPA to participate as a non-fiscal project partner for this project, pending review of Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel.