



January Board Cycle

Milwaukee County Parks
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Date: December 19, 2019
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks
Subject: Request for approval to record a Conservation Restriction on County Grounds Park - ACTION

Issue

Milwaukee County Parks wishes to record a Conservation Restriction on the parcels comprising County Grounds Park to ensure that natural ecological elements of the Park remain undisturbed.

Background

The City of Wauwatosa has worked to develop a land use plan for the County Grounds and Milwaukee Regional Medical Center area since 2016. Many County-owned properties are within the planning area including County Grounds Park, and adjacent parcels that are north of Watertown Plank Rd. Milwaukee County has worked to sell the former food service building that has been vacant for years and in support of doing so has submitted documents to the City of Wauwatosa to subdivide the land via Certified Survey Map (CSM) and re-zone parcels for future use. This CSM process has produced an approximately 45-acre parcel from the current Tax Key # 372999917 that includes the area known as "Sanctuary Woods" and along with the 5.78 acres of Tax Key # 373999907 would be combined with the existing County Grounds Park parcel to expand the parks' total size to over 100 acres. The park is zoned for parkland and therefore any deed restrictions contemplated on the site would require County Board approval.

Milwaukee County Parks has been approached by the City and agrees with the intent of recording a Conservation Restriction on the new larger park parcel. The purpose of this Conservation Restriction is "to preserve the Property in its predominately natural, scenic, forested and open space condition, and to prevent any use of the Property that will adversely impact or interfere with its Conservation Values". This Conservation Restriction will not allow subdivision of the new park parcel and will only allow uses consistent with the conservation of the park. The Conservation Restriction can only be amended by a written instrument executed by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive.



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Recommendation

Milwaukee County Parks respectfully requests authorization to record a Conservation Restriction on the parcels comprising County Grounds Park.

Prepared By: Jim Tarantino, Director of Recreation and Business Services, Milwaukee County Parks

Approved By: Guy Smith, Executive Director

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Attachments:

- County Grounds Park Conservation Restriction
- Fiscal Note
- Resolution

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