



March Board Cycle

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Date: February 19, 2020
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks
Subject: **Agreement between Milwaukee County and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for the dual mission of Regional Flood Storage and park improvements in Jackson Park – Action**

Issue

Authorization to enter into an Agreement with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to remove the concrete channel from a segment of the Kinnickinnic River in Jackson Park, restoring a more natural riverbed, dredging the lagoon, and improving the park and recreation areas in Jackson Park.

Background

The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) has been evaluating how to achieve necessary flood management within the Kinnickinnic River Watershed. MMSD has been studying the watershed to understand the alternatives that may be available for flood storage and has concluded that the most advantageous location for substantial flood storage lies within Jackson Park. Removal of the existing concrete channel that lines the KK River remains a priority for MMSD and any projects in Jackson Park will further that goal.

While concrete removal restores the natural functions of the river's riparian zone, the estimated volume of required flood storage is not accomplished by this action alone. To achieve the reduction of downstream flooding impacts, additional modifications will be necessary within the park boundary. MMSD and the Milwaukee County Parks Department explored several options for restoring the natural environment of the river, rectifying existing deficiencies of water management, replacing aging infrastructure, and improving recreational amenities within Jackson Park, resulting in a final agreement for the dual mission of Regional Flood Storage and park improvements in Jackson Park.

Some provisions of the Agreement include:

- MMSD shall manage and fund the design and construction of all aspects of the project.
- County will receive an equivalent or net gain in new and improved recreational opportunities and picnic shelters.



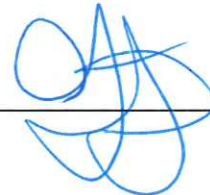
- MMSD will repair and/or replace walks or trails within the project limits.
- MMSD will construct a new service yard located within the park of a similar size and improved functionality. An additional \$250,000 is provided for improvements beyond the in-kind replacement.
- MMSD will reconstruct the entire length of the Kinnickinnic River Parkway from W Forest Home Avenue to South 43rd Street with pedestrian improvements, traffic calming elements, and new parking areas.
- MMSD shall sequence construction to minimize disruptions to the public's use of park amenities impacted by the project.
- All recreational amenities displaced during construction will be relocated prior to displacement.
- MMSD will minimize tree removal and reimburse the County on a per tree basis, which funds will be put into a tree fund to be used throughout the County park system.
- MMSD will provide replacement revenue of \$20,000 for County amenities that are out of service during construction.
- MMSD will improve the Boathouse, which at a minimum will include a new HVAC system, ADA bathrooms, and aesthetic improvements, up to an amount not exceeding \$750,000.
- Milwaukee County will have final approval of all designs, construction plans, and specifications for the KK River channel construction, lagoon dredging, and park improvements.
- The County will receive \$2,750,000 toward the replacement of the current pool facility with either a new pool, splash pad, or other water amenity under a separate design and construction project.
- The County will receive \$320,000 for MMSD's access to Jackson Park and additional staffing needs of the County paid in annual \$80,000 payments.

Recommendation

Authorize Milwaukee County Parks to enter into an Agreement with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for the dual mission of Regional Flood Storage and park improvements in Jackson Park.

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Attachments:

- Resolution
- Fiscal Note
- Contract



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