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## June Board Cycle

**Milwaukee County Parks**

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Date: May 20, 2020  
To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors  
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks  
Subject: Retroactive Permission to Apply and Accept Grants for Veteran Park Lagoon **(ACTION)**

### Issue

Milwaukee County Parks is requesting retroactive permission to apply and accept two grants awarded for Restoring Water Quality in a Coastal Urban Lagoon Environment.

### Background

In 2016, Milwaukee County Parks became aware that the lagoon in Veterans Park near Lincoln Memorial Drive had test high for levels of blue-green algae which raised human health concerns and reduced the recreational opportunity for the residents of Milwaukee County. Milwaukee County Parks, in conjunction with partners at the City of Milwaukee and University of Wisconsin Milwaukee attempted to dissipate the algae with the use of aeration devices to circulate the water without success.

To resolve the issue, Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee have collaborated again through grant applications to the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and the Fund for Lake Michigan to collect data to determine the cause factors for the algae bloom. The first year of the project is centered around data collection. The second year aims to utilize that data to provide an evidence-based approach for solutions to restore health to the lagoon.

The project budget is \$195,055 with \$78,022 provided from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, \$52,353 provided by the Fund for Lake Michigan and \$64,680 of in-kind labor provided by Milwaukee County Parks, Milwaukee County A&E – Environmental Services Division, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee- School of Public Health and the City of Milwaukee Health Department.



## Recommendation

Parks' Executive Director recommends retroactive approval to apply for grants from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and Fund for Lake Michigan and authorization to accept awarded funding for the Restoring Water Quality in a Coastal Urban Lagoon Environment project.

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Approved By: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks



## Attachments

- Resolution
- Fiscal Note
- WCMP Award Letter
- FFLM Award Letter

## Copy

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