



# Milwaukee County

## Legislation Text

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From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC), requesting authorization to grant a permanent easement to the Village of Menomonee Falls to construct, operate, restore and maintain drainage facilities and related improvements in the Menomonee River Parkway.

### **POLICY**

The Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC) respectfully requests authorization to grant a permanent easement to the Village of Menomonee Falls to construct, operate, restore and maintain drainage facilities and related improvements in the Menomonee River Parkway.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Village of Menomonee Falls (Village) will begin reconstructing Mill Road from the Menomonee River on the east to Lily Road on the west in July 2011. The eastern terminus of this project is adjacent to the Menomonee River Parkway (please see attachment). The project will convert the existing two lane rural roadway with ditches into an urban section roadway with curb and gutter. The project also calls for a new multi-use recreational trail located along the north side of the road. In coordination with DPRC Staff the new trail is designed to connect to the proposed north-south extension of the Oak Leaf Trail through the parkway in the future. The Village has requested that Milwaukee County grant it a permanent easement to construct, operate, restore and maintain drainage facilities and related improvements in the Menomonee River Parkway. These improvements would occupy approximately 0.07 acres of park property (please see attachment). The proposed compensation for granting the easement is \$3,000, approximately \$43,000 per acre.

By granting this easement, the County would provide the Village the land rights needed to implement this portion of the roadway reconstruction project. DPRC has reviewed the Village's plans for their proposed improvements and finds them consistent with its present and future plans for the Parkway, with minimal impacts to the surrounding area. The project is scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2011. All areas disturbed by the construction, operation or maintenance of the drainage facilities will be restored to DPRC specifications at no cost to the County. Appropriate County staff will review and approve all documents as required prior to execution.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Parks Director respectfully recommends that DPRC, Department of Transportation and Public Works, Corporation Counsel and Risk Management staff be authorized to negotiate, prepare, review, approve, and record all documents and perform all actions required to grant a permanent easement to the Village of Menomonee Falls for the construction, operation, restoration and maintenance of the proposed drainage improvements, and to execute the required permits for work within the Menomonee River Parkway. It is further recommended that the County Executive and County Clerk be authorized to execute the easement and required documents.

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**Approved by:**

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Attachments: Project location map, Easement location map, GJMA offer letter

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