

**COMMISSION FILE NO:** 25-166-12 **DATE INTRODUCED:** December 1, 2025

**INTRODUCED BY:** Executive Director (Signature on File in the Office of the Commission)

**REFERRED BY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON TO:** Policy, Finance, and Personnel Committee

**RELATING TO:** Agreement Between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and Milwaukee County Regarding Wilson Park

**SUMMARY:**

The Commission is requested to authorize the Executive Director to execute an intergovernmental cooperation agreement (ICA) between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and Milwaukee County regarding Wilson Park.

Further, the Commission is requested to authorize the Executive Director to execute ICA-related easement documents, jurisdictional offers, awards of compensation damages, leases, purchase agreements, deeds of conveyance, permits, licenses, and any other related real estate documents.

The Kinnickinnic River Watercourse Management Plan (KKRWMP) identifies 274 structures at risk for flooding along Wilson Park Creek and further identifies several projects to alleviate this flooding. The plan anticipates flood mitigation work in Wilson Park, owned and managed by Milwaukee County through its Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture. The plan's recommendations in the parkland include removing 3,000 feet of concrete channel lining in the Wilson Park Creek and increasing flood storage capacity by reshaping areas of the park as well as dredging and lowering the water surface of the lagoon.

The Wilson Park segment of the Kinnickinnic River flood mitigation work requires coordination. First, the project must align with the District's other work upstream and downstream on the Kinnickinnic River to avoid exacerbating flood risk. Second, federal floodplain permitting requires the District to complete preliminary engineering and modeling for all projects along this stretch of Wilson Park Creek.

**ATTACHMENTS:** **BACKGROUND** ☐ **KEY ISSUES** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☒

**FISCAL NOTE** ☐ **S/W/MBE** ☐ **OTHER** ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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## **SUMMARY (Cont'd)**

### **Agreement Between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and Milwaukee County Regarding Wilson Park**

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The work identified in KKRWMP will have direct and indirect impact on County-owned facilities within Wilson Park. The District and County have developed an agreement that outlines environmental improvements to mitigate flood risk and address any negative impact on park land or amenities.

Under the ICA, the District will:

- update flood models to confirm the amount of flood storage required in the park,
- manage and contract for preliminary engineering and create a plan for the parkland impacted by the project,
- manage and contract for final design,
- lead and manage public outreach,
- provide the County with opportunities to review and comment on all designs prior to the public bidding phase,
- manage and contract for construction,
- pay the County for trees removed within the project area,
- perform long-term maintenance of the naturalized stream and assist the County with post-flood remediation of impacted areas of the park,
- obtain all regulatory approvals and permits required for the work,
- provide record drawings to the County upon completion of the work, and
- during project construction, assist the County with debris removal between the watercourse banks on all County property risking blocking jurisdictional waterways' ability to convey floodwaters up to \$250,000 per year.

The County will:

- provide input throughout the project,
- provide all County permits at no cost to the District,
- grant the District a permanent flood easement for the parkland identified in the one percent annual probability floodplain,
- grant the District a permanent maintenance easement,
- allow District access as requested for the project at no cost to the District, and
- pay for any additional work the District performs at County request.

## RESOLUTION

### Agreement Between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and Milwaukee County Regarding Wilson Park

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**RESOLVED**, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Executive Director is authorized to execute an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and Milwaukee County regarding Wilson Park.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Executive Director is authorized to execute intergovernmental cooperation agreement-related easement documents, jurisdictional offers, awards of compensation damages, leases, purchase agreements, deeds of conveyance, permits, licenses, or any other related real estate documents.