

**COMMISSION FILE NO:** 16-117-9 **DATE INTRODUCED:** September 12, 2016

**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:** Authorizing the Application for a State Municipal Flood Control Grant for a Municipal Flood Control Grant-eligible Project

**SUMMARY:**

The Commission is requested to authorize the Executive Director to submit a grant application on behalf of Milwaukee County Parks Department to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for municipal flood control protection purposes, to sign necessary documents, and to take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete acquisition of an approved grant-eligible property identified by the Milwaukee County Parks for acquisition.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), through its Municipal Flood Control Grant Program, is offering grants to help municipalities and eligible government agencies, such as the District, to pursue flood management efforts. These grants include funding for property acquisition. Milwaukee County Parks identified a property located at 5300 North Milwaukee River Parkway as a flood prone property. The property is adjacent to Milwaukee River Parkway and the Milwaukee River. The property is eligible for grant funding. Milwaukee County is ineligible to apply for the Municipal Flood Control Grant and requested assistance from the District to submit a grant application on their behalf to obtain grant funding.

As this grant offers potential financial assistance from WDNR for the purchase of this property, staff recommends applying for this grant for Milwaukee County Parks Department. Grant funding, if approved, will reimburse the District up to \$105,500 (50% of the total estimated cost of \$211,000) for the cost of acquiring the property, relocating the owner, and removing the structures on the property. Milwaukee County Parks will fund the remainder of the costs. The District will not have any costs related to the acquisition, relocation of the owner, or removal of the structures from the property.

**ATTACHMENTS:** **BACKGROUND** ☐ **KEY ISSUES** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☒  
**FISCAL NOTE** ☐ **S/W/MBE** ☐ **OTHER** ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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Upon successful award of the WDNR Municipal Flood Control Grant, the District and Milwaukee County will enter an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (ICA) that will insure that the District receives reimbursement for all cost associated with the acquisition of the property. The ICA will also transfer ownership of the property to the Milwaukee County Parks with the District retaining a flood easement and a Greenseams® conservation easement.

As part of the grant application process, a resolution by the governing body authorizing the application is required by WDNR.

## RESOLUTION

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**WHEREAS**, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District is qualified, willing, and able to carry out all activities described in the State grant application for Municipal Flood Control; and

**WHEREAS**, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District will allow employees from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources access to inspect grant project sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District will maintain records documenting all expenditures made during the Municipal Flood Control Grant Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District will submit a final report to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources which describes all Municipal Flood Control Grant project activities, achievements, data collected, and documents of the project costs.

**RESOLVED**, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District requests the funds and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the Municipal Flood Control Grant Program and will comply with State rules for the program.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Executive Director is authorized to submit a grant application on behalf of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for municipal flood control protection purposes and to sign necessary documents.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Executive Director either has approval authority or will request approval from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission for the purchase of the properties listed in the Municipal Flood Control grant application upon award of the grant funding.