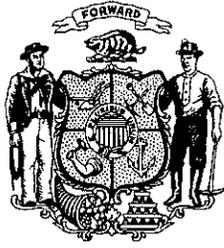


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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: February 27, 2020

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval – DNR

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Stats., attached is a 14-day passive review request from the Department of Natural Resources, received on February 27, 2020.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Tuesday, March 17, 2020**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

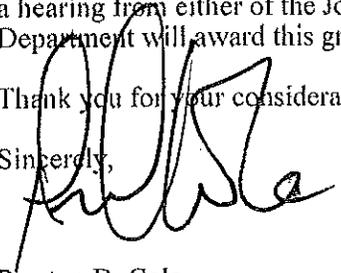
Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance of a proposed amendment to an existing development grant for the City of Milwaukee Modrzejewski Playfield Development project, using grant funds in the amount of \$773,910 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. The proposed grant award represents 25% of the estimated total project costs. The project area is located between two of Milwaukee's most historic neighborhoods, Lincoln Village and Polonia, situated on the banks of the Kinnickinnic River.

The majority of the playfields under the auspices of the Milwaukee Public Schools Department of Recreation and Community Services (Milwaukee Recreation) were constructed between 1920 and 1960. With no major upgrades during the last 50-80 years, time and use have taken their toll on the facilities. The Modrzejewski Playfield project is a full-scale renovation. The scope of improvements includes: bike/pedestrian access to the Kinnickinnic River, conversion of the wading pool to a splash pad, new playground equipment, an asphalt play court, new park entrances, shade structure, increased greenspace, updated basketball courts, flexible lawn areas, fieldhouse reconstruction, and green infrastructure improvements.

As provided in s. 23.0917(6m)(a), Wis. Stats., if the Department does not receive notification of the scheduling of a hearing from either of the Joint Committee on Finance co-chairpersons within 14 working days from today, the Department will award this grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Preston D. Cole
Secretary

DATE: February 25, 2020

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Preston D. Cole, Secretary 

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR FUNDING GREATER THAN \$250,000: CITY OF MILWAUKEE

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program grant in the amount of \$773,910 to the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, for a full-scale renovation of Modrzejewski Playfield. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: City of Milwaukee

Project Name: Modrzejewski Playfield

Grant sub-program: Acquisition and Development of Local Parks
Urban Rivers

Location: Modrzejewski Playfield is located between two of Milwaukee's most historic neighborhoods, Lincoln Village and Polonia, situated on the banks of the Kinnickinnic River and Cleveland Ave. between 10th and 11th Streets.

Project Description: The Modrzejewski Playfield project is a full-scale renovation. The scope of improvements includes: bike/pedestrian access to the Kinnickinnic River, conversion of the wading pool to a splash pad, new playground equipment, an asphalt play court, new park entrances, shade structure, increased greenspace, updated basketball courts, flexible lawn areas, fieldhouse reconstruction, and green infrastructure improvements.

Project Goals: The Modrzejewski Playfield renovation project meets the following goals:

- Renovates existing public nature-based outdoor recreational facilities.
- Provides and enhances public access to the park and Kinnickinnic River
- Efficiency / multi-functionality - facilities are designed to meet the needs of the community while serving multiple functions despite tight budgetary and site constraints.
- Community engagement/involvement and ownership - engaging all members of the community in planning can improve the quality of the projects, improve relationships between the public and Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), and increase the overall quality of life for community residents.
- Implements recommendations from the following plans:
 - *Milwaukee Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan*
 - *Milwaukee Outdoor Recreation Facilities Master Plan*
 - *West Bend Riverfront Parkway Plan*

Public Uses: Modrzejewski Playfield will be available to the public, 24 hours per days, 7 day per week, 365 days per year. The playfield is easily accessible by a network of sidewalks and roads. It will remain

open during the duration of the project; areas under construction will be closed with fencing for safety. Staff will work to minimize construction impact during the busiest seasons of use. All new facilities will be designed for accessibility as appropriate.

Ownership and Management: The City of Milwaukee holds the title for Modrzejewski Playfield and works in cooperation with Milwaukee Recreation who provides programming at the site and is responsible for maintenance.

Timetable: Construction will begin in spring 2020 with the original grant award. By the fall of 2021, renovations will be complete and the playfield will be fully open to the public. Areas of the playfield not under construction will remain open during the duration of the project. Staff will work to minimize construction impact during the busiest seasons of use.

Project Partners:

- City of Milwaukee/Milwaukee Recreation: responsible for the renovation, operation, and maintenance of the entire Riverwalk area and its associated facilities, and applicant share of the project costs.
- National Park Service (NPS): awarded an Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP) grant in January 2020 for this project.
- WI Department of Natural Resources: provides financial grant assistance.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

City of Milwaukee	\$ 1,461,040
NPS ORLP Grant	\$ 750,000
DNR Stewardship Grant	\$ 773,910
Total Project Costs	\$ 2,984,950

The City of Milwaukee has secured the required matching funds.

III. RECOMMENDED:

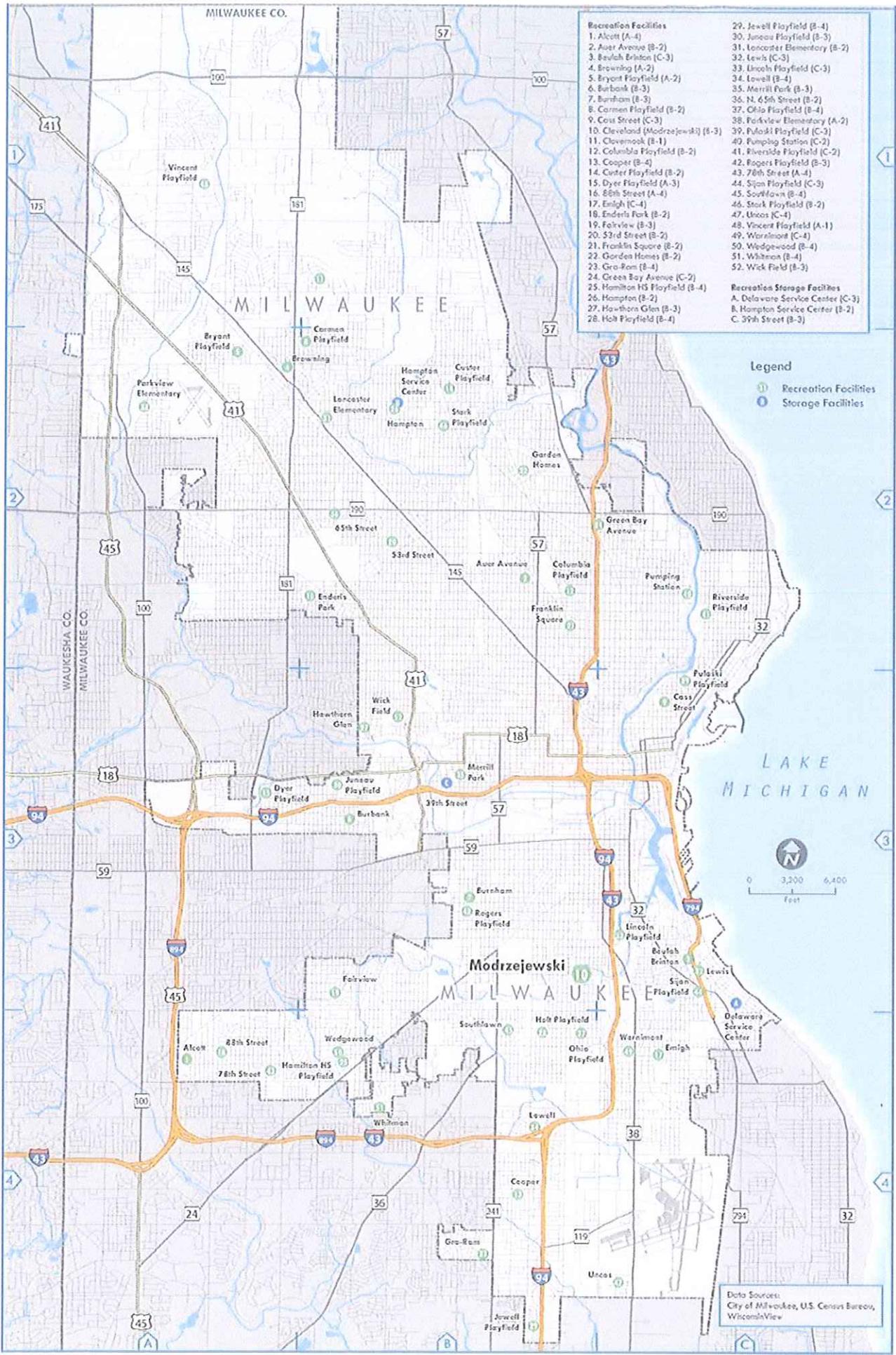


Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands Date 2/17/2020



Tim Cooke, Administrator, Internal Services Division Date 2/19/20

Attachments: Project Location Map
Project Boundary Map





Legend

- 1 Fieldhouse
- 2 Playground
- 3 Tot Lot
- 4 Wading Pool
- 5 Basketball (2)
- 6 Softball
- Restrooms

Site Development Boundary
 The boundary includes the area that would be subject to the anti-conversion provisions of 54 USC 200305(f)(3).