

RESOLUTION 2010 - 31

Supporting the Milwaukee River Greenway Master Plan and the coordination of Shorewood's Milwaukee River efforts with the overall efforts within the Milwaukee River Greenway

WHEREAS, the 2009 update of the Village of Shorewood's Vision 2015 Implementation Plan reaffirmed the Village's goal to protect and enhance our public green spaces in ways that increase number of uses as well as the number of users, including specifically the public spaces along the Milwaukee River and Lake Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, in October 2006 the Village of Shorewood adopted the Milwaukee River Shoreland ordinance to prevent and control water pollution; protect spawning grounds, fish and aquatic life; regulate building setbacks from the river; and, preserve shore cover and natural beauty; and,

WHEREAS, in December 2007 the Village of Shorewood adopted a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan which called for the stabilization and formalization of the nature path along the side of the Milwaukee River that extends northwards from Hubbard Park to Estabrook Park and southwards to the City of Milwaukee, and where, the Plan encourages the Village of Shorewood to work with adjacent communities to promote trail connectivity and compatible trail uses within the Milwaukee River corridor and to improve the ecological condition of the bluff and river edge environments; and,

WHEREAS, in May 2009 the Village of Shorewood approved the B-4 River District Riparian Restoration and Trail Project Plan which provided a trail design and bluff restoration plan along the Milwaukee River which includes developing a pedestrian trail at the top of the bluff, rehabilitating an existing trail along the river's edge, identifying trail access and connections, and restoring the bluff in terms of stabilization, drainage and vegetation; and,

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee River Greenway is a seven-mile section of the Milwaukee River that cuts through the City of Glendale, the Village of Shorewood and the northeast side of the City of Milwaukee forming a wide and expansive landscape that provides for a unique natural setting surrounded by compact urban neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Shorewood is an active member of the Milwaukee River Master Plan Team which developed the Milwaukee River Greenway Master Plan: A Vision for Recreation and Restoration issued in June 2010; and,

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee River Greenway Plan brings public and private entities together to focus on improving the quality of the river corridor, creates a forum for coordinating projects and programs, provides access to a diversity of public and private funding sources, and enhances implementation through its links to county, city and village governance structures and improves the quality of life in the Village of Shorewood;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Shorewood expresses its support for the Milwaukee River Greenway Master Plan and commits to work cooperatively with other partners on the Milwaukee River Master Plan Team to coordinate Shorewood's Milwaukee River efforts with the overall efforts within the Milwaukee River Greenway.

Dated this 21st day of December 2010.



Guy W. Johnson, Village President

Countersigned:



Sherry Grant, Village Clerk/Treasurer