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To: City of Milwaukee - City Plan Commission
809 North Broadway, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Subject: File number 170406, the 1550 North Prospect Avenue Proposal rezoning file

To Whom it May Concern:

Milwaukee County Parks would like to express that any grading, planting, construction access routes, utility routes, or trail connections to the Oak Leaf Trail or any other work impacting Milwaukee County parkland will require separate review and permitting by Milwaukee County Parks. The property line should be clearly demarcated at the start of construction, and maintained throughout.

This property abuts is a Primary Environmental Corridor, which is identified by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), and includes concentrations of important natural resources. The protection and preservation of primary environmental corridors in essentially natural, open uses is critical to maintaining both the ecological balance and natural beauty of the Region.

Parks also suggests is that the developer consider installing bird-friendly glass that will reduce window strikes during migration. As an example, Northwestern Mutual used this type of glass during recent construction downtown. It is estimated that bird mortality from windows strikes is between 97 million - 976 million birds annually. Mortality is heightened in urban areas such as Milwaukee that fall within major migration corridors. More info on bird-friendly glass can be found at: <https://abcbirds.org/program/glass-collisions/bird-friendly-design/>

Sincerely,

Milwaukee County Parks Planning and Development Division and Natural Areas Department

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