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SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR SPONSORS BUDGET AMENDMENT TO STRENGTHEN BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS

Milwaukee County Supervisor Steve F. Taylor sponsored a budget amendment that will allocate \$51,000 to address staffing concerns at Hales Corners' Boerner Botanical Gardens.

The County Board's Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee approved the amendment, which would assign three seasonal horticulturists during the Garden's peak season and would dedicate an individual horticulturist to each specialty garden. This levy-neutral amendment was introduced in light of a June 2015 audit titled, "Boerner Botanical Gardens Must Address Numerous Needs To Achieve Its Mission," which highlighted serious staffing and maintenance concerns at the Garden.

"Boerner Botanical Gardens is the historic crown jewel of the County Parks System. This amendment will increase the effectiveness and improve training of Garden staff," said Taylor.

Supervisor Anthony Staskunas joined the amendment as a co-sponsor. The County Board will consider the amendment, along with the proposed 2016 County Budget, on November 9.

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