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Parks Committee Recommends Approval of Land Swap Between Milwaukee County and Private Developers

A resolution requesting the authorization to execute a land swap agreement between Milwaukee County, the City of Oak Creek, and the Capstone Quadrangle was recommended for approval by the Parks Committee on Tuesday, March 13th, by a vote of 3-1. The land currently owned by Milwaukee County is not accessible to the public and provides no public benefit. Capstone Quadrangle would obtain that land and make use of it to continue its development of an \$80-\$90 million business park.

In exchange, Milwaukee County would receive parcels of land that could be used for public benefit. Part of the land received would be used for a new neighborhood park to be funded and maintained by the City of Oak Creek at no additional cost to the County. From an environmental standpoint, this land swap would allow for the preservation of a secondary environmental corridor and wetlands that connect the Root River and Oak Creek watersheds and the management of an existing natural area containing designated critical species habitat.

Supervisor Taylor praised the Parks Committee's decision. "The land swap between Milwaukee County and Capstone Quadrangle is a win-win for everybody involved: taxpayers, lovers of the parks, and protectors of the environment alike. I thank the Parks Department, the City of Oak Creek, and Capstone Quadrangle for working with me as we worked to see this swap agreement come to fruition and for listening to my concerns, mainly the guarantee that a new, usable park would be a part of the deal. I applaud the Parks Committee for voting to recommend this resolution for approval by the County Board."

With the creation of a new park and the continued development of a business park that would result from this land swap, anywhere from 1400-1500 jobs would arrive to the Oak Creek area.

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