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COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE VOTES TO DREDGE LAGOONS AT McGOVERN AND WASHINGTON PARKS

Search for two missing boys ended sadly at McGovern Park lagoon

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Board’s Parks, Energy & Environment Committee voted unanimously today to redirect \$300,000 in general obligation bonds to dredge the lagoons at McGovern Park and Washington Park, both located on Milwaukee’s north side.

“While these lagoons may look shallow, they’re really quite deep in some sections,” said Milwaukee County Supervisor Toni M. Clark, whose district includes McGovern Park. The bodies of two missing Milwaukee boys, Purvis Virginia-Parker, 11, and Quadrevion Henning, 12, were found last April in the McGovern Park lagoon. The search for the boys was hampered by mud and other particulates in the water.

“This is clearly a public safety concern,” Supervisor Clark said. “Dredging these lagoons will give people a sense of how deep the water really is. You can’t tell when the water is muddy.”

The resolution passed today would include biologists, buffer zones and pond draining/dredging to improve water conditions. Tests performed by the State of Wisconsin concluded that most of Milwaukee County’s ponds suffered from noxious aquatic plants, shoreline erosion, high levels of cloudiness and elevated bacteria levels.

The full County Board will consider the resolution at its next meeting on Thursday, April 5th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

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