



Tom Barrett
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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**MAYOR BARRETT TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON, D.C., TO TESTIFY
BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES AND
ENVIRONMENT**

Mayor will also meet with Vice President Biden to discuss oversight on stimulus funds

Mayor Tom Barrett will meet with Vice President Biden and testify before the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment when he travels to Washington, D.C., this week.

On Wednesday, Barrett will attend a White House Recovery and Reinvestment Act Implementation Conference hosted by Biden. The conference will address questions from state, county and local government officials on how to effectively oversee the spending of Recovery Act funds. Earl Devaney, chairman of the Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board, will give a presentation, along with a number of agency representatives.

“I am committed to spending federal stimulus funds wisely, and I look forward to meeting with Vice President Biden and other members of the Obama administration to determine how to provide the oversight and accountability necessary to ensure funds are used effectively,” Barrett said.

On Thursday, Barrett will testify before the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. He will discuss Milwaukee’s efforts to reduce urban stormwater runoff, including green roofs, rain gardens and the stormwater park in the Menomonee River Valley.

“Located on the ‘Fresh Coast,’ Milwaukee is at the forefront of water technology,” Barrett said. “While I know there is more we need to do, I am pleased to present our success stories to the House of Representatives, and I hope that our efforts will convince Congress that federal funding for water cleanup is necessary for the environmental and economic well-being of urban areas across the country.”

Following the hearing on Capitol Hill, Barrett will meet with officials from the Department of Education.