



County Parks win National Gold Medal Award for Excellence  
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I joined the Parks staff today to congratulate them on the wonderful news that the Milwaukee County Parks Department has won the **2009 National Gold Medal for Excellence**. The National Gold Medal Award is the most prestigious and highly esteemed award a park and recreation agency can receive. Milwaukee County Parks Director Sue Black accepted the award at the National Recreation and Parks Congress & Exposition in Salt Lake City, Utah.

This is outstanding news and reflects the hard work of the dedicated staff in the parks department and the importance of the community and corporate partnerships we have. Our parks are a source of enjoyment for the entire community, and this Gold Medal recognition showcases our pride in our parks to the nation.

And my 2010 recommended budget provides \$38.8 million in new projects and improvements to keep our parks in Gold Medal condition. See why we're getting national attention - click on the following link to watch the 12-minute video about our parks: <http://www.dwpinc.com/mcp/milcntyprks.html>.

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Milwaukee County Executive