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**WALKER ANNOUNCES PARKS AWARDED GRANT FOR TRAIL
Connecting Northwest Side to Downtown**

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker announced that the Milwaukee County Parks Department has been awarded a \$448,000 grant for the third phase of the *Northwest Side to Downtown Commuter Project*. The project will consist of 2.1 miles of a ten-foot wide paved asphalt off-road trail located within the WE Energies utility corridor between 3900 West Bradley Road and 2900 West Mill Road.

The grant was awarded through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, which is part of the Federal Transportation Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The estimated total project cost is \$560,000 with the federal share at \$448,000 and the required local match from Milwaukee County at \$112,000.

The project is phase 3 of a 4 phase initiative to create linkages between communities, destinations and trail facilities on the northwest side of the County (northern Milwaukee suburbs, Granville Station, Kohl Park, and Brown Deer Park) with communities, destinations and trail facilities in the east region of the County (Milwaukee's eastern suburbs, the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, the City of Milwaukee's downtown and Lake Michigan lakefront areas, and the East Side Bike Trail portion of the Oak Leaf Trail).

On a regional scale, the *Northwest Side to Downtown Commuter Project* will result in a continuous 12.5-mile stretch of paved off-road trail between the Ozaukee County Interurban Trail System and downtown Milwaukee. For more information contact the Milwaukee County Parks Department at (414) 257-6100.

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