

# *Milwaukee County*

County Executive Scott Walker

Board Chairman Lee Holloway

March 12, 2008

Assembly Speaker Michael Huebsch  
State Capitol, Rm. 211W  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Speaker Huebsch,

On December 20, 2007, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a resolution authored by Supervisors John Weishan, Jr., Marina Dimitrijevic, Gerry Broderick, Patricia Jursik, and Chairman Lee Holloway, calling "*upon the Governor and legislators of Wisconsin to quickly ratify the Great Lakes Compact, along with the passage of strong implementing legislation.*" On January 14, 2008, Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker signed the resolution, attached here as File No. 07-461.

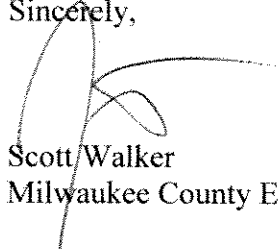
Consistent with this adopted policy, Milwaukee County asks that the leadership in the State Assembly advance legislation this session implementing the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. Milwaukee County supports adoption of a strong Great Lakes Water Compact that includes the following provisions:

- *“Require measurable, meaningful water conservation practices,*
- *Require environmentally responsible return of diverted waters,*
- *Close the bottled water loophole that would let multinational corporations profit from public water resources by allowing diversions one bottle at a time,*
- *Set permit and monitoring standards for large water users within the Great Lakes basin,*
- *Maintain the integrity of the Great Lakes watershed by establishing fixed community boundaries, and*
- *Assure an open, public approval process for diversion requests and provide public enforcement options”*

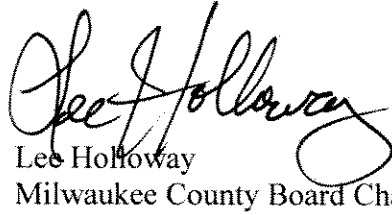
As the Legislature and the Governor work to resolve the biennial budget imbalance, we ask that funding be preserved for Shared Revenue; Milwaukee County Mass Transit System; and Youth Aids. Youth Aids revenue is particularly crucial for counties in light of the exorbitant increases to the juvenile correctional institutional daily rates. Thank you

for considering Milwaukee County's request to move the Great Lakes Water Compact forward and our budget adjustment priorities.

Sincerely,





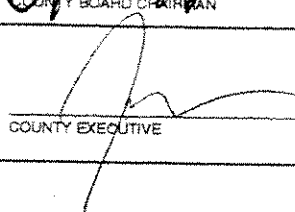
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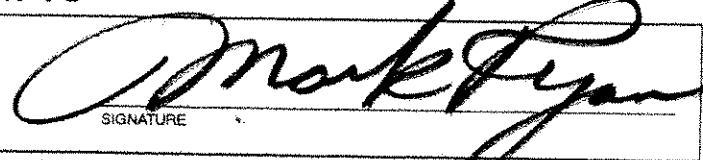
Lee Holloway  
Milwaukee County Board Chairman

Attachment

cc: Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Governor Jim Doyle  
Senate Majority Leader Russ Decker  
Senator Mark Miller, Joint Committee on Finance Co-Chair  
Representative Kitty Rhoades, Joint Committee on Finance Co-Chair  
Representative Scott Gunderson, Chair Assembly Committee on Natural Resources  
Department of Natural Resources Secretary Matt Frank  
Milwaukee County Legislative Delegation

<b>RECORD OF COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE ACTIONS</b> 3327 R2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	COUNTY BOARD FILE NO. File No. 07-461
<b>CERTIFICATION TO COUNTY BOARD PASSAGE</b>	I certify that the attached resolution or ordinance was adopted by The Board of Supervisors of Milwaukee County at a meeting held on the <u>20th</u> day of <u>December</u> 20 <u>07</u> by a vote of <u>19</u> ayes <u>0</u> noes.		
	DATE SIGNED <u>12-20-07</u>	COUNTY CLERK  COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN 	
<b>COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S ACTION</b>	I approve the attached resolution or ordinance. DATE SIGNED <u>1-14-2008</u> COUNTY EXECUTIVE 		
<b>CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION</b>	DATE PUBLISHED _____	DATE SIGNED _____	COUNTY CLERK _____

**RECEIPTS**

<b>BY COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE</b>	DATE SIGNED <u>JAN 17 2008</u>	SIGNATURE 
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Adopted  
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File No. 07-461

1 By Supervisors Weishan, Holloway, Dimitrijevic, Broderick and Jursik

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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 Supporting the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

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9 WHEREAS, the waters of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River basin are  
10 important public natural resources shared and held in trust by the Great Lakes and St.  
11 Lawrence River basin states and provinces; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are the world's largest sources of surface freshwater and  
14 are essential to the economic health and quality of life of Great Lakes basin communities,  
15 citizens and businesses; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River provide fresh drinking water,  
18 support countless family, commercial, tourism and cultural activities for basin residents and  
19 visitors, drive economic development and improve the economic value of shoreline  
20 communities, support critical wildlife habitat and aquatic and coastal ecosystems and  
21 support agricultural and industrial activities; and

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23 WHEREAS, despite their size, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River are vulnerable  
24 because they are finite and are at risk of depletion and degradation with only one percent  
25 of the water in the Great Lakes being recharged each year; and

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27 WHEREAS, future diversions and consumptive uses of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence  
28 River basin water resources have the potential significantly impact the environment,  
29 economy and welfare of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River region; and

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31 WHEREAS, Wisconsinites and citizens of Great Lakes states have the right to  
32 manage the Great Lakes, and the duty to protect, conserve, restore and improve the Great  
33 Lakes for the use, benefit and enjoyment ourselves and future generations; and

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35 WHEREAS, the more effective means of protecting, conserving, restoring, improving  
36 and managing the basin waters is through the pursuit of strong, unified and cooperative  
37 principles, whereby Wisconsin sets a forward-thinking example for other Great Lakes states  
38 with strong policies, enacted and adhered to by all Wisconsinites; and

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40 WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact  
41 ("Great Lakes Compact") is an appropriate and necessary baseline for strong, forward-  
42 thinking policies to protect the Great Lakes; and

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44 WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Compact can and should be strengthened to better  
45 protect the Great Lakes and the Wisconsin residents whose lives and livelihoods depend  
46 upon them; and

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48 WHEREAS, a stronger compact would include the following provisions:

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- 50 ▪ Require measurable, meaningful water conservation practices,
  - 51 ▪ Require environmentally responsible return of diverted waters,
  - 52 ▪ Close the bottled water loophole that would let multinational corporations profit  
53 from public water resources by allowing diversions one bottle at a time,
  - 54 ▪ Set permit and monitoring standards for large water users within the Great Lakes  
55 basin,
  - 56 ▪ Maintain the integrity of the Great Lakes watershed by establishing fixed  
57 community boundaries, and
  - 58 ▪ Assure an open, public approval process for diversion requests and provide  
59 public enforcement options

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63 WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact  
64 is not binding until ratified by each Great Lakes state legislature and approved by the  
65 United States Congress; now, therefore,

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67 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors call upon the  
68 Governor and legislators of Wisconsin to quickly ratify the Great Lakes Compact, along  
69 with passage of strong implementing legislation using the aforementioned six points, so  
70 that it may help protect Wisconsin's Great Lakes and may allow the Great Lakes Compact  
71 to become enforceable law in the Great Lakes states; and

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73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board further call on the United States  
74 Congress to give its approval of the Great Lakes Compact so that it may become a binding  
75 interstate compact on the Great Lakes states; and

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77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is authorized and directed to  
78 distribute copies of this resolution to Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle and members of the  
79 Wisconsin legislature.

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November 14, 2007

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## MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: November 15, 2007

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: Supporting the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact<br><input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required<br><input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures<br>(If checked, check one of two boxes below)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget<br><input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures<br><input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures<br><input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
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*Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.*

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
<b>Operating Budget</b>	Expenditure	0	0
	Revenue	0	0
	Net Cost	0	0
<b>Capital Improvement Budget</b>	Expenditure	0	0
	Revenue	0	0
	Net Cost	0	0

## DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

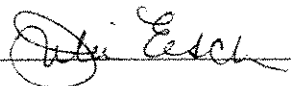
In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.<sup>1</sup> If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.

Adoption of this resolution will not require an expenditure of funds.

Department/Prepared By Julie Esch, Legislative Research Analyst

Authorized Signature

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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review?  Yes  No

<sup>1</sup> If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.