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Sue Black Receives the 2011 'Park Professional of the Year' Award

MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele announced Thursday that Milwaukee County Parks Director Sue Black received the 2011 Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association Award as the 2011 "Park Professional of the Year." The award was presented at the WPRA Annual Fall Conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

"Sue Black continues to prove herself as a consummate professional, and is recognized as a leader in the parks system throughout the nation," Abele said. "I am happy to have Sue in Milwaukee- the way she cares about our community and what she does to lead our award-winning parks department is outstanding."

Black was nominated for the award by a staff member at WPRA, and was selected by a committee of her peers. Black has made several professional contributions to the association such as providing articles for their national publication and appearing as a guest speaker for their conferences and workshops.

"I was pleased to be notified that Sue Black would be the recipient of the 2011 Park Professional of the Year Award," said Ray Maurer, Parks Director for the City of Oshkosh. Maurer continued, "What Sue has done in her profession is commendable, and despite the major cuts the Milwaukee County Parks System has endured, she continues to rejuvenate it. The various programs she has initiated and partnerships she has formed, are what we like to recognize in our profession."

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