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SUPERVISOR HAAS ANNOUNCES “MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS UNCONFERENCE”

*First-Ever, User-Driven Discussion of Milwaukee County Parks Shifts Focus
from South Side Parks to All County Parks*

Milwaukee, WI – Supervisor Jason Haas is pleased to announce that the event initially designed to focus on South Side parks will now address all Milwaukee County Parks; the Milwaukee County Unconference, formerly known as the South Side Parks Unconference, is set for Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bucketworks, located at 760 S. 5th St. in Milwaukee’s Walker’s Point neighborhood.

“The appointment of a new, interim director of the Milwaukee County Parks affords us an ideal opportunity to discuss all parks throughout Milwaukee County,” said Supervisor Haas. “To harness the strength of the people who love our Milwaukee County Parks, I’m organizing the first-ever parks ‘unconference,’ in which park users set the agenda and discuss the parks topics that matter to them.”

The unconference is an unscripted event. In the truest sense of crowdsourcing, the attendees will create the agenda, and then split into facilitated group discussions. The afternoon will be devoted to generating ideas and to creating action items based on those ideas.

“My hope is that this unconference produces new ideas for how we can use our parks, and will spur folks into action to help make them even better,” explained Supervisor Haas. “The people who use the parks likely have solid thoughts about how to best use and care for this important, community resource.”

Supervisor Haas noted that District 14 encompasses nine county parks – plus, part of the Kinnickinnic River Parkway -- and borders South Shore Park to the north. Additionally, Grant and Maitland Parks are located adjacent to the district.

Registration and details can be found at parksunconference.eventbrite.com.

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