



Milwaukee County

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SUPERVISOR DIMITRIJEVIC THANKS COUNTY EXECUTIVE ABELE FOR MAKING SUSTAINABILITY A PRIORITY

Full-time Sustainability Director will help the County continue to save resources

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic is pleased that a full-time Sustainability Director has been included in the 2012 County Budget.

Although the Green Print was enacted more than four years ago, a dedicated Sustainability Director for Milwaukee County was never fully implemented by then-County Executive Scott Walker. Many other counties and municipalities, including the City of Milwaukee, have had similar full-time sustainability directors in place.

“I appreciate that the County Executive for including this position in his proposal, and I thank the Finance Committee for keeping that language in the budget. A dedicated Sustainability Director will help us identify additional grant opportunities and cost-savings measures to benefit County taxpayers,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. “We have seen great savings thanks to the efforts of our current half-time sustainability engineer. I’m excited to see what kinds of results a full-time staff person will produce.”

The Green Print, unanimously approved by the County Board and signed into law in 2007, set the stage for Milwaukee County to become more environmentally responsible. So far, the Green Print has prompted more than \$10 million in energy savings upgrades at facilities in Milwaukee County, reducing the County’s annual electricity consumption by \$800,000 and its water consumption by 100 million gallons per year.

In addition, Milwaukee County has received over \$600,000 in grants and Federal Stimulus funds to implement portions of our Green Print since 2008. This will lead to even more opportunities to reduce our environmental footprint, save tax dollars and preserve assets for future generations.

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