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**WALKER ANNOUNCES PARKS BRINGS HOME THE GOLD!
Parks Wins 'Best in the Nation' Award**

MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker is proud to announce today that the Milwaukee County Parks Department has won the *2009 National Gold Medal for Excellence* in the Park and Recreation Management Program. The National Gold Medal Award is the most prestigious and highly esteemed award a park and recreation agency can receive. Milwaukee County Park's Director Sue Black accepted the award at the National Recreation and Parks Congress & Exposition in Salt Lake City, Utah.

“This is outstanding news and reflects the hard work of the dedicated staff in the parks department and the importance of the community and corporate partnerships we have,” said Walker. “Our parks are a source of enjoyment for the entire community, and this Gold Medal recognition showcases our pride in our parks to the nation.”

Finalists and winners of the National Gold Medal are selected each year by a distinguished panel of leaders from the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration and the National Recreation and Park Association from submissions from all 50 states.

To determine a winner, the finalists were required to submit a 12-minute video featuring the department's programs and services and one copy of its strategic or master plan. To view the video, click on the following link: <http://www.dwpinc.com/mcp/milcntyprks.html>.

Please join County Executive Walker as he congratulates staff, and community and corporate partners on winning the Gold Medal.

DATE: Wednesday, October 14, 2009
TIME: 1pm
LOCATION: Parks Administration Building
9480 W. Watertown Plank Road
Wauwatosa

For more information on the Gold Medal Award, visit www.countyparks.com.

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