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**WALKER ANNOUNCES MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS
“GOES FOR THE GOLD”**

Named as Finalist in National Gold Medal Award

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker announced that the Milwaukee County Parks Department has been selected as one of the top four finalists for 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.

“This is outstanding news and reflects the hard work of the dedicated staff in the parks department,” said Walker. “Our parks are a source of enjoyment for the entire community, and this 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 who have expertise in the field of park, recreation, and conservation management and select the winner from submissions from all 50 states.

As a finalist, the Milwaukee County Parks Department will now move on to the second and last round of the Gold Medals. To determine a winner, the finalists are required to submit a 12-minute video featuring the department’s programs and services and one copy of their strategic or master plan. The winner will be named this fall at the National Recreation and Park Association’s conference in Salt Lake City.

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