



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE

*State Capitol, PO Box 8953, Madison, Wisconsin 53708*

June 4, 2026

Wisconsin Emergency Management  
ATTN: Administrator Greg Engle  
2400 Wright Street  
Madison, WI 53704

Dear Administrator Engle,

We write to you jointly to express our sincere support of Milwaukee County's funding request through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant to control erosion along our lakefront communities; specifically, in our shared community of Cudahy.

A jewel of the Milwaukee Parks System, the bluffs in Sheridan Park, have experienced accelerated erosion due to a combination of natural forces, including extreme high-water levels in 2018 - 2020, the August 2025 rain event, April 2026 record rain fall, April 27, 2026 wind storm, and ongoing increased storm intensity. The rate and extent of erosion have reached a point where public safety is at risk as sections of the bluff are unstable, increasing the likelihood of sudden collapses. Park visitors, pedestrians, and nearby residents face significant danger from falling debris and ground failure. Additionally, essential infrastructure; including the Oak Leaf Trail, Sheridan Drive roadway, public utilities including water supply, sewer and gas lines, and nearby properties are at imminent risk of damage or destruction.

The project to contain this damaging erosion had been identified numerous times as a high-priority and preliminary feasibility work has already been completed for the Sheridan Park bluff stabilization project, including two conceptual design approaches with cost estimates providing a sufficient basis to proceed with design, bid documents, and permitting requests.

We again urge your support of Milwaukee County's BRIC request to address these concerns and protect the neighbors in our community. Thank you for your attention to this matter, please reach out to our offices if further support or information is needed.

In service,

Handwritten signature of Chris Larson in cursive script.

Chris Larson  
State Senator  
7<sup>th</sup> Senate District

Handwritten signature of Christine Sinicki in cursive script.

Christine Sinicki  
State Representative  
20<sup>th</sup> Assembly District