



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: May 19, 2015

TO: The Honorable Milwaukee Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

RE: County Board File No. 15-303 on appropriating \$15,000 from surplus capital outlay appropriations in Org. Unit 9120 to operate and maintain Hales Corners and Wedgewood Wading Pools through the remainder of 2015

I am returning County Board File No. 15-303 unsigned.

The County owns close to a thousand facilities and has a long list of deferred maintenance on these facilities. Over the last several years, we have gone through a rigorous analysis of which facilities bring value to Milwaukee County residents and the County needs to continue to own and maintain. I understand these decisions are not always easy to make, but addressing the significant capital needs across the County requires hard choices. The decision about closing wading pools was not an easy one to make and the parks department was careful in selecting pools that had significant deferred maintenance. This funding to reopen the pools does not address the maintenance issues and if safety issues arise, the pools will be closed.