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Milwaukee County

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DATE: October 24, 2011

TO: The Honorable Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

RE: Veto of County Board File No. RES 11-551 on Proposed Ryan Creek Interceptor Referendum

I am vetoing County Board File No. RES-11-551 pursuant to the authority granted to me by Article IV, Section 23(a) of the Wisconsin Constitution and Section 59.17(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The County Board adopted a resolution on Sept. 29, 2011, to hold an advisory referendum on the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) plan to pay the City of Franklin for costs related to building the Ryan Creek Interceptor Project.

The cities of Franklin and Muskego, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and MMSD have approved this project. It will open up parts of Franklin and Muskego to development, creating the opportunity to add jobs and tax base to Milwaukee County and the region. MMSD has structured the payments for the project so that it can continue work on other important regional projects while building the interceptor. Design work for the project has been completed, bids have been received and the interceptor will be under construction by the time the proposed referendum would take place. The cost of the referendum is estimated at \$18,000.

Holding an advisory referendum would ignore the strong regional support and cooperation underlying this project, which will help open up parts of Milwaukee County and the region to development and new jobs. An April referendum would confuse residents, waste tax dollars and undermine regional cooperation, while having no effect on the project's construction.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Abele".

Chris Abele, County Executive