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**WAUKESHA COUNTY RECEIVES TRIPLE A BOND RATING**  
*2009 marks the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive year the County has received this rating*

WAUKESHA, Wis. – Waukesha County has received triple A bond ratings from Moody’s Investors Service and Fitch Ratings. Waukesha County has received a triple A bond rating, the highest rating possible, for over 20 consecutive years.

The rating, which evaluates the County’s debt obligations, has been achieved by less than 50 counties nationwide. Moody’s Investors Service report highlighted Waukesha County’s “very well managed financial operations with a notable degree of flexibility” and “favorable debt profile” as among the justifications for the rating.

“I am very proud of Waukesha County’s longstanding reputation as a leader in efficient and effective financial management,” said County Executive Dan Vrakas. “This triple A bond rating, ultimately, saves Waukesha County taxpayers money and will help us in our efforts to meet the challenges presented in the current economic conditions.”

The County’s bond rating status is reflective of the County’s diverse and growing tax base, personal income levels, solid financial position and flexibility. Maintaining a triple A bond rating helps lower borrowing costs and the tax rate in Waukesha County. The higher the rating, the lower the interest rate the County will pay to fund highway and other capital projects each year.

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