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**OVER \$910,000 RETURNED TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR RECYCLING
Includes Rebate Incentive for Tons Recycled**

Waukesha, WI. – Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas announced today that 25 municipalities will receive checks this week totaling \$910,576 for participating in the County Recycling Program and delivering their recyclables to the Material Recycling Facility (MRF).

Vrakas said, “The total amount returned to our local government partners this year increased by \$31,300. Our highly successful recycling program is a cooperative endeavor that reduces duplication of services and operates in a cost-effective manner while conserving natural resources, creating jobs, and meeting the demand by manufacturers for recycled materials. The County, participating municipalities, residents, companies, and our environment all benefit.”

The self-sufficient program uses state grant funds received on behalf of participating municipalities and revenue from the sale of recyclables to coordinate program education, as well as process and market recycled materials at the county recycling facility. In total, participating municipalities have received a \$6.2 million return on investment to offset their costs since 2001.

Though recycling market prices have fallen along with the decline in the economy, the county is able to use the recycling fund to smooth out fluctuating revenues so that municipal budgets are not dramatically affected. Municipal disbursements range from \$1,451 to \$251,143 this year. The rebate incentive formula is based on the number of tons recycled in each community and the percent of waste recycled. Consequently, the more residents recycle and reduce waste, the larger the rebate is for their community.

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“Over \$910,000 Returned to Municipalities for Recycling,” continued...

Since its start, the Material Recycling Facility has processed more than 366,000 tons of newspaper, cardboard, magazines, office paper/mail, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, and metal cans collected from residents. This is equivalent to about 18,300 semi trailers full of recyclables or a line of trucks over 200 miles long.

For more information about the program or the recycling disbursement, please contact Karen Fiedler in the Waukesha County Recycling and Solid Waste Office at (262) 896-8300.

Residents that need an additional recycling bin for all their recyclables can contact their municipal office for a free bin. To find out what should be in the recycling bin visit the website at www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling.

Municipal Recycling Disbursement:

Villages:

Big Bend	\$	5,311
Chenequa		2,580
Dousman		6,023
Eagle		6,004
Elm Grove		35,073
Hartland		35,184
Lac La Belle		1,451
Merton		11,869
Nashotah		4,819
Oconomowoc Lake		2,814
Pewaukee		26,655
Wales		9,560

Towns:

Brookfield	22,704
Delafield	26,609
Lisbon	34,256
Merton	13,659
Oconomowoc	14,059
Summit	23,419
Waukesha	34,884

Cities:

Brookfield	164,305
Delafield	19,703
New Berlin	62,966
Oconomowoc	56,847
Pewaukee	38,676
Waukesha	251,143

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