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WAUKESHA COUNTY ANNOUNCES CAPITAL PLANS LINKED TO SUSTAINABILITY

WAUKESHA, Wis. – Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas announced plans today to improve the Bugline Trail located in Menomonee Falls, Lannon, Sussex, Lisbon, Merton and North Lake. The project, which will pave and widen the existing trail to better accommodate multiple groups of trail-users, will be included as part of Vrakas’ 2012-2016 Capital Plans.

This project will create a safer surface for trail users and will allow increased accessibility for runners, wheelchair users, stroller users, in-line skaters and others. As part of the County’s Sustainability Plan, it is a goal to make Waukesha County more walk-able and bike-able, and this project will help reach that goal.

Another key component of the County’s Sustainability Plan is to make County facilities more energy efficient. Last year, Waukesha County was awarded an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to implement energy and cost saving projects. As part of the grant Waukesha County, alongside “Focus on Energy” staff, conducted an audit of County facilities to identify projects that will have a strong return on investment.

The Block Grant dollars were used to implement a number of energy reduction projects. Next year, lighting projects with very high return on investment rates that were not able to be funded under the Block Grant will be completed. These projects include lighting in the Juvenile Center parking lot, Jail entrance and connector and the parking lot of the existing Health and Human Services building. It also includes interior lighting at the Mental Health Center, Juvenile Center and Administration Center. Additionally, at the Naga-Waukee Ice Arena, the ice compressor controls and lighting will be upgraded.

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“The Waukesha County Sustainability Plan sets a strategy to attain and maintain a place of leadership in environmental stewardship and sustainability at our facilities, in our operations and in the larger community of which we are a part,” said County Executive Dan Vrakas. “These projects will help Waukesha County maintain its role as a sustainability leader in Wisconsin and save taxpayer dollars.”

The Capital Plan portion of the 2012 budget will be introduced to the County Board of Supervisors on September 1st. The County Board will review Vrakas’ full 2012 Budget in late September with final passage expected in November.

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