

Per the recent letters about pools in Milwaukee County, our budget moves the aquatic system into the 21st century. Seven deep-well pools remain open plus our aquatic park Cool Waters. We also propose building a new aquatic park on the northside of the county. In addition, we add six more splash pads to the three popular water playgrounds and start an Adopt-A-Beach program to staff Bradford and McKinley beaches with lifeguards.

Our 2007 budget calls for 21 new family picnic sites, replacing worn out playground equipment and continued maintenance on facilities and trails. Our 150+ parks and parkways filled with some 15,000 acres of parkland will continue to be accessible to the public and we are proud of the work we do.

Considering the fact that the county faced an \$89 million shortfall going into the 2007 budget (driven by pension, retirement and health care costs), we are happy to be able to continue having an exciting park system within Milwaukee County.

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