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Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Multi-Stage Plan to Avoid MMSD Discharges into Lake Michigan

Divert Rainwater Away From Driveways and Away From Sewer System

- Promote uniform ordinances throughout MMSD coverage area that prohibit property owners from connecting downspouts to sewer system and discourage release on to driveways.
- Provide incentives for property owners to drain rainwater on to yard space.
- *Milwaukee County will review all county structures to make certain that rainwater is diverted away from the sewer system and on to grass areas.*

Divert Clear Storm Water Before It Enters The Combined Sewer System

- Explore sites for storm water detention basins – for emergency holding to avoid discharges into the lake - along the edge of the system that has separated sewers*.
- Examine the possibility of adding pipe lines to divert clear storm water directly to the lake – before it merges with the combined sewers*.
- *Milwaukee County land on the county grounds is part of the Northwest Side Relief Sewer plan. Once completed by the end of 2005, the 7.1 mile system will hold 88 million gallons of water.*
- *Milwaukee County land on the northeast quadrant of the county grounds will be used by the MMSD to construct a storm water detention basin to divert (up to) 260 million gallons of floodwater.*

Phase-In the Separation of the Sewer System.

- Start a program immediately to require separate sewer lines to be installed each time a repair or replacement project is done anywhere there is a combined sewer system throughout the MMSD coverage area*.
- Require that any new construction projects completed throughout the MMSD coverage area include separate sewer lines.
- *Milwaukee County will encourage the use of separate sewer lines as part of the development of the Park East Corridor area.*
- *Milwaukee County will install separate sewer lines as part of all county construction projects that require access to the sewer system.*

*Possible areas to seek federal assistance.