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Alderman Bauman
City of Milwaukee
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Alderman Bauman,

As you know, in 2006 an MOU between the City of Milwaukee and Menomonee Valley Partners, Inc. (MVP) was adopted to improve water quality in the Menomonee Valley through the creation of a phased stormwater treatment facility at the site of the former Stockyards. While the resolution before you today is a change to the original MOU, its intent is to preserve the ability to accomplish the MOU's goals in the near future, while meeting the immediate stormwater treatment needs of current development at the site. Therefore, I am writing to express our support for the resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a cooperative agreement with Ziegler/Bence Partners 5, LLC to define the scope of the construction of a stormwater treatment facility at the former Stockyards Property, 1301 W. Canal Street.

MVP, DPW, and developer Ziegler/Bence, have worked diligently together over the course of the past year to create a stormwater treatment facility to accommodate the stormwater treatment needs of the Canal Street Right of Way and the Canal Street Commerce Center development, as well as provide an opportunity for future development in the central Valley to connect to this regional stormwater system. All parties have made best faith efforts to accomplish the goals of the original MOU, most recently convening a charrette of regional stormwater experts to analyze the plans, and are in agreement that the resolution before you accommodates the immediate stormwater treatment needs while retaining the possibility of fulfilling additional goals.

The resolution, like the MOU previously approved by Council, creates several significant public benefits:

- Stormwater treatment through this facility will exceed DNR standards in a way that would not be achieved without MVP's intervention;
- Pedestrian access to the South Menomonee Canal, after the future removal of the CP Rail spur, can be developed through the best faith efforts of Ziegler/Bence and MVP, providing the only public access point to this waterway;
- The potential is retained for further developing a regional stormwater system that treats runoff from 20 acres of multiple nearby properties in a green manner, which will maximize future development in the central Valley and improve water quality; and
- The potential is retained for dramatically improving the treatment of 2.5 acres of stormwater from Canal Street, which would further improve water quality in the Valley.

After the immediate needs served by this resolution are accomplished, MVP pledges to continue to work with Ziegler/Bence and DPW toward fulfillment of the above goals. MVP respectfully requests your support of the proposed resolution, which we believe is the best way to proceed at this time towards a regional stormwater program for the central Valley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Bray". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Laura Bray
Executive Director