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City of Milwaukee
Zoning, Neighborhood & Development Committee
City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Zoning, Neighborhood and Development Committee:

I am writing as a representative of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) to support the Pierce & Bruce Sub-District Study. MMSD is currently undertaking a project to convert the Burnham Canal to an urban wetland in the Menomonee Valley.

The purpose of this project is to transform the Burnham Canal into a wetland to reduce the risk of exposure to existing contaminated sediments, improve aquatic and wildlife habitat, improve water quality and provide recreational and educational opportunities.

The plan includes a zoning overlay around the Burnham Canal/future wetland and includes public access points for the wetland. The plan will help protect both the integrity of the wetland and future access, while also allowing the Canal's industrial and commercial neighbors to thrive.

We look forward to continuing to work with the City of Milwaukee and Menomonee Valley Partners to implement these recommendations.

Sincerely,

Katherine E. Lazarski
Director of Legal Services