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City of Milwaukee Common Council
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Subject: Kinnickinnic River Environmental Restoration Project

Dear Council Members:

On July 14, 2008, a Project Agreement was signed between WDNR and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to initiate remediation of approximately 170,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediments from the Kinnickinnic River under the Great Lakes Legacy Act. Although this is a major milestone for our project, we cannot proceed with the remediation activities until the City of Milwaukee enters into a cooperation agreement with WDNR and the Business Improvement District #35, as well as a separate cooperation agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to implement various components of the Kinnickinnic River Environmental Restoration Project. EPA hopes to begin the first phase of the Legacy Act project, construction of a cell for dredged sediments at the Milwaukee Area Confined Disposal Facility, in September 2008. In order for the Legacy Act project to proceed according to schedule, it is critical that the cooperation agreements between the City and the other parties noted above are signed as soon as possible. I therefore look forward to the Council's approval of these agreements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ajit Vaidya", is positioned above the typed name.

Ajit Vaidya, P.E.
Project Manager, U.S. EPA
Great Lakes National Program Office

CC:
Port of Milwaukee (Larry Sullivan)
City of Milwaukee (Tom Gartner)