

Mayor Shawn Reilly  
City of Waukesha

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Dear Mayor

The issuance of the Diversion approval is time for me to acknowledge the significance of what the City has accomplished. I was the Wisconsin sole representative for many years of discussion regarding preventing diversions between the Great Lakes states. So I cannot emphasize enough the depth of opposition that has long existed against any diversion.

Governors have run for office on the basis of proclaiming no diversions. Congress passed laws basically outlawing Great Lakes diversions. In addition, there are numerous organizations and individuals that believe they need to fight diversions to save the Great Lakes. Not to mention the Canadians who do not trust the US will prevent large diversions and any approved diversion will open the gates.

The overwhelming viewpoint on preventing diversions is the foundation for the Compact agreement. Even though the Compact contains limited exceptions a majority of the state drafters believed it would be near impossible for any Community to get a unanimous approval of the States.

So with that background Waukesa faced a near impossible task with its application. The obstacles were both technical and political. I had the opportunity to see the many obstacles from my position at DNR. I remember the first time I met Dan and learned what he was planning to do. My reaction based upon the history of diversions was skeptical at best.

I was privileged to work with the City and to observe all that was done to obtain the approval. Dan did an amazing job of leading the effort. He provided the necessary amount of leadership and decision making. Dan fully utilized the team of technical and professional team members in a very wise and successful manner.

There are a number of people that deserve credit for outstanding work such as Bill McClenahan, Brent Brown and Paul Kent, to mention just a few. It was my pleasure to work with them. Waukesa should be proud of the City staff who certainly made some outstanding contributions. City leadership also deserves credit for their support of the team, the handling of local politics and patience. Finally, your leadership as Mayor and participation were also key to the successful approval.

I am not sure anyone could have done the job that Dan did. I have worked with many impressive professionals during my career and I cannot think of any that would

have managed this project any better. I trust the City will give him the recognition he deserves.

Obviously there remains much work to be done with the implementation. But it is a good time to pause and recognize what you have accomplished. I hope the residents of Waukesha can appreciate the amazing work you and Dan are doing.

Sincerely,

Bruce Baker