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## **New Director Hired for City Office of Environmental Sustainability**

**MILWAUKEE-** Matthew Howard, Mayor Barrett's nominee to run the City's Office of Environmental Sustainability, began his work as director recently. Howard, who was nominated in May and confirmed by the Common Council in June, took the position temporarily filled by Erick Shambarger since former Director Ann Beier left for a job in Portland, Oregon last year.

"I am very pleased to see Matt Howard beginning his work in the Office of Environmental Sustainability," said Mayor Barrett. "His time serving as a senior economic and environmental policy analyst for the U.S. Department of Commerce has given him a keen sense of how sustainability and economic growth go hand in hand in leading our City to a cleaner, more prosperous future. I look forward to working with Matt and thank Erick Shambarger for his service as acting director."

Mayor Barrett said Howard's statement before the Common Council in June provides direction for Milwaukee's environmental and economic success.

"Matt's three-pronged approach of making our government economically and environmentally efficient, encouraging businesses to adopt sustainable operations and working with the entire community toward sustainability in our work places, neighborhoods and homes will help Milwaukee to continue with our economic development efforts without sacrificing our natural environment in the process," said Mayor Barrett.

Matthew Howard received his undergraduate degree from Valparaiso University in Indiana, a B.A. in international economics and an M.A. in international economics from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. For the past 11 years he worked at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington D.C., where he created a national Sustainable Manufacturing Initiative to assist American businesses in cost-cutting and efficient resource management.