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Milwaukee Area Project aims to connect region

Long-term effort will study communication, conflict between counties, communities



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Mike Gousha (second from left) moderates questions from the public with Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett at Marquette Law School's Lubar Center during the launch of the Milwaukee Area Project (MAP) in downtown Milwaukee on Tuesday morning.

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MILWAUKEE — Marquette Law School unveiled its Milwaukee Area Project — an extensive research initiative that will dig into metropolitan trends and look toward the future of the five-county area — at a Tuesday morning conference with speeches from Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett.

MAP seeks to understand Milwaukee through its relationship with surrounding counties Ozaukee, Washington, Waukesha, Racine and Milwaukee through public polls, data analysis and research with the theme "What we think, how we live, and where we are headed."

A new in-depth poll conducted by MAP was released at the program's launch that includes a first glimpse at the region's opinion of Foxconn, among other social and economic issues.

The poll was conducted through landline and cellphone calls between Oct. 9 and 17 among 1,200 adult residents in the five-county area.

Foxconn findings

According to the poll, 54 percent of adult residents in the region believe the Foxconn factory coming to Racine County will substantially improve the Milwaukee-area economy, while 37 percent think it will not.

The poll was further broken down by Ozaukee/Washington counties, Waukesha County, Racine County, suburban Milwaukee and the city of

Milwaukee.

In Racine County, 71 percent expect the area's economy to improve the area's economy compared to 67 percent in Ozaukee/Washington, 59 percent in Waukesha County, 55 percent in suburban Milwaukee County and 40 percent in the city of Milwaukee.

Residents in suburban Milwaukee County and the city of Milwaukee were the most skeptical about Foxconn providing economic gains worthy of the state's \$3 billion incentives package; 58 percent in the city thought Foxconn wasn't worth it and 51 percent in suburban Milwaukee agreed, compared to 47 percent in Racine County, 39 percent in Waukesha County and 34 percent in Ozaukee/Washington counties.

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New poll shows regional support for Waukesha's water plan

63%, including majority of respondents in Racine and Milwaukee, are supportive

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MILWAUKEE — Though there are still negotiations and a major construction project left standing between Waukesha and water from Lake Michigan, a new regional poll released Tuesday shows public approval for the plan isn't that big of an issue, with the majority of residents in the five-county Milwaukee metro area supporting the plan.

According to a new poll conducted by Marquette University's Milwaukee Area Project, 63 percent of residents of a sample living in Ozaukee, Washington, Waukesha, Racine and Milwaukee counties are supportive of Waukesha's use of Great Lakes water as an alternative to ground water that is contaminated with naturally occurring radium. Twenty-four percent of regional residents still oppose the plan.

Waukesha residents showed the most support with 78 percent in favor and 11 percent opposing the project. The project also saw majority support in the city of Milwaukee with 54 percent and in Racine County at 57 percent.

The findings are heartening for Waukesha officials involved in the project because Racine and Milwaukee have long voiced opposition to the plan to use Great Lakes water, which will come from either Milwaukee or Oak Creek and pipe treat-

ed wastewater into the Root River that empties back into the lake through Racine. Racine's former mayor John Dickert at one point even compared his city to "Waukesha's toilet."

It's hard to pinpoint what led to the strong showing of regional support, said Waukesha County Supervisor and former Waukesha Mayor Larry Nelson, because a poll comparable to Marquette University's hasn't been done before.

Waukesha's Water Utility launched a public information campaign called the Great Water Alliance that has held educational sessions across the region, including those municipalities that will be most impacted by the water pipeline like Franklin and New Berlin.

Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly said the region is showing more support for the project as people learn more about it.

"I believe that people have a better understanding of what Waukesha is doing in that we are taking water from Lake Michigan and returning it cleaner than it was," Reilly said. "That message has gotten through that we aren't creating a problem, but doing something that's environmentally sound."

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OCONOMOWOC AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Works in progress: Some district projects still \$400,000 above estimated costs

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OCONOMOWOC — Halfway through the process that will lead the Oconomowoc Area School District to completing various construction projects, the estimated costs of completion are \$400,000 above

budget and still going down.

At this month's School Board meeting, representatives from Nicholas & Associates, Eppstein Uhen Architects and Oliver Construction Co. provided board members with a cost update for the various construction projects scheduled to take place within the next two years. Estimates for Meadow

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View Elementary and the high school's East campus show the costs are still slightly above the pre-referendum amounts provided.

The Meadow View estimate shows that the total cost is above the estimate provided as a pre-referendum cost (\$28.3 million), at \$28.7 million. The high school's East campus is also still over the pre-referendum estimate of \$9.3 million at \$9.6 million dollars.

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WEATHER



Tomorrow:
Partly cloudy
High 54 / Low 39

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TONIGHT
Partly cloudy
36

TOMORROW
Partly cloudy
54/39

FRIDAY
Chance of showers
45/32

SATURDAY
Chance of rain and snow showers
43/31

SUNDAY
Partly cloudy
44/34

REGIONAL FORECAST



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Statistics for yesterday
High/Low, Waukesha 50/44
High/Low 53/46
Normal High / Low 56/41
Last year's high for date 54
Last year's low for date 39
Precipitation, Waukesha 0.36"
Precipitation 0.39"
Precip. month to date 4.05"
Normal month to date 2.04"
Precip. year to date 32.22"
Normal year to date 29.40"
* Precipitation source: Gen. Mitchell International, Milwaukee. Precipitation is the liquid equivalent of snow, ice and rain.

Oct. 27 First Q Nov. 4 Fall Nov. 10 Last Q Nov. 18 New

Sunset today 5:53 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:21 a.m.

HEAT INDEX TOMORROW

A composite of the effects of temperature and humidity on the human body.

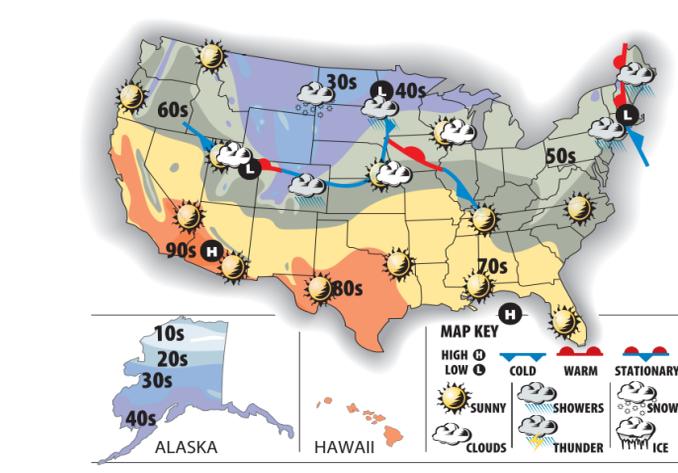
8 a.m.	36
Noon	41
4 p.m.	54
8 p.m.	46

COOLING DEGREE
An index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the day's mean temperature was above 65 degrees.

Yesterday 0
Month to date
Year to date
Normal season to date

Moonrise tomorrow 12:31 p.m.
Moonset tomorrow 11:03 p.m.

NATIONAL FORECAST



SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-30s. North winds up to 5 mph, shifting to the south after midnight.
Thursday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-50s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

MARINE FORECAST
Lake Michigan near shore forecast:
Tonight: Northwest wind 5 to 10 knots easing to 5 knots.
Thursday: South wind 5 to 10 knots rising to 10 to 15 knots late in the morning. Gusts to around 20 knots in the afternoon.
Lake Michigan water temperature is 58 degrees.

ULTRAVIOLET INDEX FORECAST
The UVI forecast for Thursday is 3
UV scale and warnings on possible skin damage: 0-2 low risk, 3-5 moderate risk, 6-7 high risk, 8-10 very high risk, 11-over extreme risk.

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TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR TOMORROW

ATLANTA High: 67 Low: 47	CHICAGO High: 58 Low: 42	DALLAS High: 83 Low: 49
DENVER High: 47 Low: 22	LOS ANGELES High: 79 Low: 62	MIAMI High: 77 Low: 68
MINNEAPOLIS High: 53 Low: 34	NEW YORK High: 63 Low: 47	PHOENIX High: 92 Low: 63
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GOP Sen. Flake says he'll retire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Jeff Flake, an Arizona Republican, announced Tuesday he would not run for re-election in 2018, condemning in a speech the “flagrant disregard of truth and decency” he says is undermining American democracy.

“There are times we must risk our careers,” Flake said in a speech on the Senate floor. “Now is such a time.”

Flake, who has criticized the path that the Republican Party has taken under President Donald Trump, said the impulse “to threaten and scapegoat” could turn America and the GOP into a “fearful, backward-looking people” and a “fearful, backward-looking party.” Flake didn’t mention Trump by name.

Flake is a conservative who favors limited government and free markets.

“A political career does not mean much if we are

complicit in undermining these values,” he said.

His speech came a few hours after the president had engaged in a war of words with another retiring Republican senator, Bob Corker of Tennessee.

“Throughout his career in public service, Jeff has been a champion of constitutional, limited government and a trailblazer for fiscal restraint,” said House Speaker Paul Ryan. “Jeff’s retirement is a loss to the Senate and the greater cause of conservatism. I wish him well as he continues to advocate for our principles outside of government.”

After bucking Trump in a state the president won, Flake is bottoming out in polls. Republicans may be left with a hard-core conservative challenger that might win the primary but lose in the general election.

Flake was facing a challenge from former state Sen.



Associated Press

Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., speaks during a television interview on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday.

Kelli Ward, who failed in her effort to take out Sen. John McCain last year but has gained some traction this year. Last week, former Trump strategist Steve Bannon attended a fundraiser for her.

But mainstream Republicans in Arizona believe Ward cannot beat Rep. Krysten Sinema, who is running in her primary as the only well-known Democratic candidate.

MAP

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The majority of poll respondents in all counties except Racine, where the LCD screen display factory is headed, said their families will not be directly impacted by the Foxconn plant, including 61 percent in Waukesha County.

Waukesha County Supervisor Larry Nelson, who attended Tuesday’s conference, said he’s supportive of Foxconn because of the “ripple effect” it’s expected to have on surrounding counties like Waukesha. He said educational institutions and smaller manufacturers in the region will see considerable growth once Foxconn establishes itself in southeastern Wisconsin.

Still, Nelson said he’s heard legitimate concerns about the cost of Foxconn to taxpayers and of environmental concerns.

Regional views on communities, economics

The poll found there are substantial differences in views between wealthy suburban counties like Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha compared to the poorer communities in the Milwaukee

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Growth inside, outside Milwaukee

After poll data was presented, Barrett spoke mostly about Milwaukee’s poor neighborhoods and potential workforce that could fill gaps in suburban counties with worker shortages through improved transportation and more affordable housing in Waukesha County communities.

Barrett used his speech as an appeal to lawmakers in Madison who recently upheld their shared revenue mandate that keeps Milwaukee and other cities in Wisconsin from creating new paths of revenue.

Farrow took a different approach by talking about future technology like autonomous cars and buses and artificial intelligence that can be used to connect the five-county region 10 years from now.

Farrow stressed that improved transportation is needed for the region to fully benefit from the Foxconn factory and how the region must be sensitive to the needs of younger generations when planning for the future because they will be coming into prime working age over the next decade.



In this May 15 file photo, protesters hold signs during a demonstration against President Donald Trump’s revised travel ban outside a federal courthouse in Seattle.
Associated Press

Trump allows refugee admissions to resume with new screening

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Tuesday allowed the resumption of refugee admissions into the U.S. under new, stricter screening rules but ordered nationals from 11 countries believed to pose higher risk to U.S. national security to face even tougher scrutiny.

Officials refused to identify the 11 countries, but said refugee applications from those nations will be judged case-by-case.

Trump issued his new order on refugee screening as the administration’s four-month ban on refugee

admissions expired. It directs federal agencies to resume refugee processing, which he clamped down on shortly after taking office.

The new “enhanced vetting” procedures for all refugees include such measures as collecting additional biographical and other information to better determine whether refugees are being truthful about their status; improving information-sharing between agencies; stationing fraud detection officers at certain locations overseas; and training screeners to weed out fraud and deception.

“The security of the American people is this administration’s highest priority, and these improved vetting measures are essential for American security,” said acting Homeland Security Secretary Elaine Duke.

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It was explained to the board that pre-referendum estimates are a very wide view of costs using industry standards to come to a dollar amount without any drawings or project specifications. Those costs continually decrease as the crew creating the designs regroups to try and meet the pre-established estimates. As more project information becomes available, the easier it will be to tighten the costs.

“The school district has professionals working with architects throughout the design process to help identify efficiencies and value engineering options during each design phase,” said Superintendent Roger Rindo in a written comment. “This is happening in real time rather than at the end when bids have come in, which is what happens

when someone takes a general contractor approach.”

Some of these efficiencies have largely included changes in materials or adjustments to finishes. In a project with a scope of this size, efficiencies can add up quickly. Both the Meadow View and East campus projects are at the design development stage, which is only about halfway through the entire process. During the next phase leading to construction, the bid documents that will be released will have a more refined, accurate cost estimate. A guaranteed maximum price proposal will then be sent to the board as an action item.

“Every aspect of the project will be competitively bid and we are confident

that they will be able to bring a final budget to the board for approval that is at or below the pre-referendum estimates,” said Rindo.

The district has already successfully completed this process with the Greenland, Park Lawn and Ixonia projects. The OASD website also explains that with the economy stabilizing, constructing costs have begun to rise again after several years of lower-than-average construction cost inflation as a result of the Great Recession. Raw material costs for steel and concrete have increased as well. Inflation is also a factor to consider when looking at the time a referendum is first proposed and then later approved.

Poll

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Waukesha Water Utility Manager Dan Duchniak said there was another group that did a survey looking at opinions in the city of Waukesha a number of years ago that found support there, but nothing has been conducted regionally.

“I was very surprised at [the new poll’s] results because the water issue is a very scientific and fact-

based topic,” Duchniak said. He said the poll data shows the success of the push by Waukesha’s elected officials to focus time and money on education and public outreach efforts.

“I don’t think we can stop and be happy with ourselves here. We have to continue that education process and be transparent to the public,” Duchniak said.

“It is a great opportunity to show that regional cooperation works when this project goes off.”

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