

U.S. Sen. Baldwin: Visits Milwaukee, Mequon to discuss investments in community safety and conservation

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WISCONSIN - Today, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin visited Milwaukee and Mequon to discuss investments she helped secure to keep our state safer and build resilient communities in the face of climate change through legislation signed into law by President Biden earlier this year.

Alongside Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson, Milwaukee Police Chief Jeffrey Norman, the Milwaukee Office of Violence Prevention, and other community leaders, Senator Baldwin joined a roundtable discussion on violence in the community and the ongoing efforts to keep families safe. As the sole Wisconsin Senator who supported the *American Rescue Plan*, Senator Baldwin helped deliver more than \$100 million to Wisconsin for violence prevention and public safety through flexible Coronavirus Relief Fund allocations. These resources invest in evidence-based crime prevention strategies, bolster summer youth programming and job training, support law enforcement agencies, and alleviate court backlogs.

The roundtable also discussed the Baldwin-supported [Bipartisan Safer Communities Act](#) that is expanding background checks for guns, funding anti-violence programs, protecting survivors of domestic violence, increasing access to mental health services, among other things to keep our schools and communities safe. Senator Baldwin also discussed her efforts to include several projects in the upcoming fiscal year 2023 federal budget related to policing and criminal justice, including \$6 million for Milwaukee Police Department to upgrade its police radios.

Senator Baldwin with Milwaukee Police Chief Jeffrey Norman.

In Mequon, Senator Baldwin joined a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate an \$800,000 investment she secured for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), part of more than [\\$187 million](#) in funding she delivered for Wisconsin in the bipartisan appropriations legislation for Fiscal Year 2022. The \$800,000 will help MMSD's plan to restore ecosystems and reduce flood risk along the Milwaukee Lake Michigan coast by using nature-based solutions in urban, suburban, and rural communities. Senator Baldwin also discussed the Wisconsin's rich history of environmental stewardship, the economic impact on protecting our Great Lakes and environment, and investments from the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* that will help communities prepare for and respond to climate change.

Senator Baldwin at MMSD ground breaking.

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