



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO**

2003 Wisconsin Act 286 [2003 Assembly Bill 443]	Authority of Counties to Request That Certain Platted Land Dedicated for Public Use Be Vacated
2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/	Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm

2003 Wisconsin Act 286 addresses the authority of a county to request a court to vacate parts of a plat dedicated and accepted as a public park or playground.

At the request of a city, village, or town, a court may vacate land in the city, village, or town that has been platted as a public park or playground if the land has never been developed or used by the municipality as a public park or playground.

Act 286: (1) extends the current provision to land dedicated to a *county* for use as a public park or playground; and (2) removes the current requirement that the land was never “used” as a public park or playground (the requirement that the land was never “developed” remains).

The legislation was prompted by a situation in Waukesha County where a property owner offered to trade wooded hillside property adjacent to an existing park in exchange for farmland previously dedicated to the county.

Effective Date: Act 286 takes effect May 1, 2004.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information,
consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.