

**DANE COUNTY  
POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE**

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Sponsor: <b>Ripp</b>		Resolution No. <small>2021 RES-325</small> _____
Vote Required:		Ordinance Amendment No. _____
Majority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Two-Thirds <input type="checkbox"/>	

Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:

**DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIASTS, INC. (GOPLIN)**

**Policy Analysis Statement:**

Brief Description of Proposal -

The Prairie Enthusiasts, Inc. (TPE) has applied to the Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Program for financial assistance to purchase a 40 acre parcel from Eddie and Cheryle Goplin in the Town of Blue Mounds for its Erbe Grassland preserve. The estimated project costs for the acquisition are \$206,900. The Dane County Park Commission recommends up to \$109,400 in county matching funds.

Current Policy or Practice -

Conservation Fund Grants require County Board approval.

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

Acquisition of this land will fill in a gap between TPE owned land to the north and east, creating a 140 acre preserve that provides critical habitat for rare and declining grasslands birds, prairie vegetation and prairie-restricted insects. It will also provide recreational opportunities to the public all year round including hiking, bird watching, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting and trapping.

**Fiscal Estimate:**

<u>Fiscal Effect (check all that apply) -</u>	<u>Budget Effect (check all that apply)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Budget Effect
<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Revenue Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Rev. Budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Results in Expenditure Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Exp. Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Revenue Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Rev. Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Expenditure Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Exp. Budget
	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Position Authority
	<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Position Authority
	Note: if any budget effect, 2/3 vote is required

**Narrative/Assumptions about long range fiscal effect:**

**Expenditure/Revenue Changes:**

	Current Year		Annualized			Current Year		Annualized	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures -					Revenues -				
Personal Services					County Taxes				
Operating Expenses					Federal				
Contractual Services					State				
Capital	\$109,400				Other				
<b>Total</b>	\$109,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>Total</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:**

None.

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