

AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND ON BLACK EARTH CREEK FROM  
SRR PROPERTIES, LLC

The Dane County Land & Water Resources Department recommends the purchase of approximately 14.6 acres of land in the Town of Black Earth from SRR Properties, LLC. Located on Black Earth Creek, south of STH 14, acquisition of the parcel would fill in a connection between Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Black Earth Creek Fishery Area lands.

The property is relatively level and contains approximately 9 acres of cropland with trees and brush running along the approximately 1750 feet of Black Earth Creek. Acquisition of the property will fill in the gap between public lands, allowing more efficient management of the stream in partnership with DNR as part of the Black Earth Creek Fishery Area and will also provide a future corridor for the Black Earth Creek Trail.

The property is part of a larger parcel to the north and will be surveyed. The parties have agreed on a purchase price of \$11,000 per acre based on the survey. Funds for the purchase are available in the 2023 Dane County Conservation Fund budget. The debt issued to support this expenditure will have a term of 20 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of approximately 14.6 acres from SRR Properties, LLC for \$11,000 per acre based on a survey, plus miscellaneous costs according to Wis. Stats. Chapter 27.03(3); and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department Director and the Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the closing and the transfer of the above-mentioned property to Dane County, and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.