DANE COUNTY POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE

✓ Original Update Sponsor: Gillis	Substitute No Resolution No		
Vote Required:	Ordinance Amendment No		
Majority ✓ Two-Thirds			

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AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE SUGAR RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES AREA

Policy Analysis Statement:

Brief Description of Proposal -

The Land & Water Resources Dept. has recently negotiated the acquisition of approximately 60 acres from Ziegler Dairy Farms in the Town of Verona that includes a nearly 2/3-mile stretch of two-bank frontage along the Sugar River. The purchase price for the approximately 60 acres and the adjoining public hunting easement on 110 acres has been established at \$636,000. County intends to apply for DNR Stewardship grant dollars to offset the purchase.

Current Policy or Practice -

Land purchases require County Board approval.

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

The tract hugs the Sugar River and protects an adjacent wetland. The property offers an ideal canoe/kayak launching spot, as well as unique cultural resources, including an 1860's limestone Greek Revival house that was a historic stagecoach stop and two cataloged Native American mound sites. The purchase also includes a permanent easement for limited public hunting access over an additional 110 acres of adjacent private property.

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Expenditure/Revenue Changes:

	Current	Year	Annua	lized	Current Year		Year	Annualized	
Expenditures -	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Revenues -	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Personal Services					County Taxes				
Operating Expenses					Federal				
Contractual Services					State				
Capital	\$636,000				Other				
Total	\$636,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:	
None.	
None.	

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