

DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO
GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, TOWN OF DUNKIRK
AND DUNKIRK DAM LAKE DISTRICT

Groundswell Conservancy, along with the Town of Dunkirk (Town) and the Dunkirk Dam Lake District (DDL) have applied to the Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Program for financial assistance for the acquisition of approximately 1.64 acres along CTH N in the Town of Dunkirk in order to increase public recreational opportunities on the Yahara River. This property is bordered by public land owned by the Town and DDL and they would partner to improve public access and manage the land. Currently, the public park along CTH N and drag their canoes and kayaks down a steep hill to the riverbank to put in and cause disturbance to the shoreline. Acquisition of this property would provide a safer place to park and better launch location. The property would also allow for planned accessible walking paths and accessible fishing piers along the shoreline.

The estimated project costs for the acquisition are \$37,000. The Town is securing a Knowles Nelson Stewardship grant to fund approximately 50% of the purchase. The Dane County Park Commission recommends up to \$19,000 in County matching funds.

The term of the debt issued to support this expenditure will be 20 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a grant of up to \$19,000 to Groundswell Conservancy, Town of Dunkirk and Dunkirk Dam Lake District is approved by the Dane County Board and the Dane County Executive and that the County will pay up to the grant amount based on actual project expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dane County Clerk and Dane County Executive are authorized to execute documents necessary to effectuate the grant award, which may include grant agreements, management agreements, and the acceptance of an easement that will vest in Dane County according to Wisc. Stats. 27.05(3), and that the land interests be managed under the jurisdiction of the Dane County Park Commission.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Director and Real Estate Coordinator, are authorized to approve closing and reimbursement documentation for grant projects and the transfer of an easement to Dane County and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transactions authorized through the grant award.