1   **2022 RES-303**

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3   AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND FOR MCCARTHY YOUTH AND
4   CONSERVATION COUNTY PARK FROM
5   THE ELINOR G. DUSHACK REVOCABLE TRUST

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7   Dane County Land & Water Resources Department (LWRD) recommends the purchase
8   of approximately 34.7 acres of land in the Town of Sun Prairie from the Elinor G.
9   Dushack Revocable Trust. This parcel is located on the northeast corner of the
10 intersection of CTH N and CTH TT, is adjacent to McCarthy Youth and Conservation
11 County Park and is within the Koshkonong Creek Natural Resource Area boundary.

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13 The parcel contains a mix of cropland on the west, wetlands through the middle portion
14 of the property and woods on the eastern side adjacent to the Park, along with 2 ponds
15 on the northeast and south sides. The parcel's wetlands connect to wetlands on existing
16 Park land and ownership of this parcel would allow for wetland restoration to occur.
17 Acquisition of the property would extend the Park boundary out to the roads, providing
18 greater visibility of the Park on CTH N and more opportunities for public recreation.   The
19 parcel will also provide a buffer from planned development along CTH N.

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21 The seller has agreed on a purchase price of $1,200,000 for the property. Funds for the
22 purchase are available in the 2023 Dane County Conservation Fund budget. The debt
23 issued to support this expenditure will have a term of 20 years.

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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors
26 and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of approximately 34.7
27 acres from the Elinor G. Dushack Revocable Trust for $1,200,000 plus miscellaneous
28 costs according to Wis. Stats. Chapter 27.03(3); and

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