

DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO
ICE AGE TRAIL ALLIANCE (LANGE)

Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) has applied to the Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Program for financial assistance to purchase approximately 40 acres in the Town of Dane for its Marsh View Preserve project. The property touches state land and would connect to the Lodi Marsh segment to the north. An existing access easement provides access over the corner of the state land and the Lange parcel.

The property consists of rolling hills with woodlands and agricultural fields and provides views north to Lodi Marsh and views of the valleys to the south. It contains a large storage shed in good condition that will provide equipment and materials storage for the local IATA chapter.

The estimated project costs for the acquisition total \$509,000. IATA has secured a Knowles Nelson Stewardship grant to fund approximately 50% of the purchase. The Dane County Park Commission recommends up to \$260,000 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 \$260,000 to Ice Age Trail Alliance 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.