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## AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE WAUCHEETA CONNECTOR TRAIL

Dane County Parks, the Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area, Wisconsin DNR and Town of Dunn have been collaboratively planning on a proposed bicycle pedestrian trail that would connect the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood on the western shore of Lake Waubesa to the Lower Yahara River Trail in William G. Lunney Lake Farm Park. The proposed trail will provide walking and biking connections between Goodland County Park, Capital Springs Centennial State Park, William G. Lunney Lake Farm Park, the Capital City Trail and Lower Yahara River Trail. It will also provide a more bicycle friendly route for cyclists riding from the Capital City Trail to Lalor Road in the Town of Dunn.

Construction of the Waucheeta Connector Trail is estimated to cost \$909,000. Dane County Parks is seeking 50% funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Stewardship grant program for construction of the project. The grant application requires authorization to participate by County Board resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and County Executive authorize submittal of a grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource Stewardship grant program for the amount of \$454,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors and County Executive hereby authorize the Director of the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department or his or her designee to sign and submit the grant application, grant agreement, reports and the grant reimbursement request to the WDNR.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Dane County will comply with state or federal rules for the programs; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.