

1 **2014 RES-397**

2 **ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF LAND FROM THE ESTATE OF JOYCE M. BAER**

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4 Resolution 108, 07-08 accepted the donation of land from George Socha Sr. and Joyce
5 M. Baer. The donated property is approximately 132 acres in the Town of Medina and
6 includes over one mile of frontage along the Maunasha River. The donation was
7 conditioned on the reservation of a life estate that gives George Socha Sr. and Joyce M.
8 Baer exclusive use of the property during each of their lifetimes or until such time as he,
9 she or they choose to surrender their rights. The property will be used for park,
10 recreation and conservation purposes.

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12 In addition to the 132 acres that was donated to the County, George Socha Sr. and
13 Joyce M. Baer own an adjacent 11.4 acres. The 11.4 acres includes their home and
14 related outbuildings. The County holds a right-of-first-offer on the 11.4 acres that gives
15 the County the first right to make an offer on the 11.4 acres should it ever be sold.

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17 Joyce M. Baer recently passed away and left her undivided one-half ownership interest
18 in the 11.4 acres as a gift to Dane County. The gift is conditioned on a reservation of a
19 life estate for George Socha Sr. Acceptance of the gift gives Dane County a undivided
20 one half ownership interest in the 11.4 acres, subject to the reservation of a life estate
21 for the benefit of George Socha Sr. The total appraised value of the 11.4 acres as of
22 2014 is \$370,000 (without respect to the life estate).

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24 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and
25 the Dane County Executive hereby commend and give thanks to the family Joyce M.
26 Baer for her generous gift that will benefit the residents of Dane County into perpetuity.

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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the land be accepted under the jurisdiction of the
29 Dane County Park Commission according to Wisc. Stats. Chapter 27.05(3).

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31 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane
32 County Executive authorize the County to accept the donation of her undivided one-half
33 interest in Lot One (1), Certified Survey Map 12410 from the Estate of Joyce M. Baer
34 subject to a life estate for George Socha Sr. and direct Dane County Real Estate and
35 Acquisition Director and the Real Estate Coordinator to expedite the conveyance of the
36 property interest to Dane County.

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