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**2014 RES-396
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE FISH LAKE NATURAL
RESOURCE AREA - PORTER**

The Department of Land & Water Resources has negotiated the purchase of a fee interest in a residential parcel in the Town of Roxbury. The property is located at 7878 Fish Lake Road and is adjacent to another residential parcel owned by Dane County.

The Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan recommends the acquisition of land within the Fish Lake Natural Resource Area in recognition of the unique natural features of the lake and its attractiveness as a recreational destination. Fish Lake is a popular fishing spot and is unusual in that it has no natural inlet/outlet and is one of the deepest lakes in Wisconsin.

Consequences of the lake’s physical characteristics are fluctuating water levels, which have generally risen to the point where many developed properties along Fish Lake Road have been negatively impacted. The change in water levels could not have been anticipated when the homes were built and historical orthophotos show that the majority of homes were constructed hundreds of feet from the shoreline on non-hydric soils.

Although the situation has recently stabilized due to pumping of the lake, which may continue indefinitely, the area remains in the Parks & Open Space Plan and properties are therefore eligible for purchase. The goal in acquiring land along Fish Lake Road is to prevent future flood damage and to increase recreational access to the lake.

Acquisition of 7878 Fish Lake Road would be at the appraised value of \$155,000. The debt issued to support the acquisition will have a term of 20 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of the Porter property for \$155,000 and according to Wisc. Stats. 27.05(3), and that the land be managed under the jurisdiction of the Dane County Park Commission.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Real Estate & Acquisition Director, Real Estate Coordinator, and Acquisition and Planning Specialist are authorized to administer the closing and the transfer of the above mentioned rights to Dane County and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.