

**DANE COUNTY
POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original	<input type="checkbox"/> Update	Substitute No. _____
Sponsor: Ripp		Resolution No. 2014 RES-414
Vote Required:		Ordinance Amendment No. _____
Majority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Two-Thirds	

Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:

2014 DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO THE NATURAL HERITAGE LAND TRUST

Policy Analysis Statement:

Brief Description of Proposal -

The Natural Heritage Land Trust (NHLT) has applied to the Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Program for financial assistance to purchase approx. 5 acres in the Town of Westport for \$104,510. The Conservation Fund Grant Advisory Committee recommends up to \$57,225 in County matching funds. The remainder of the acquisition costs will be provided by a grant from the DNR Stewardship Grant Program that has been secured by the NHLT.

Current Policy or Practice -

Conservation Grant awards require County Board approval.

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

The property is identified as a prairie remnant site in the Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan and buffers the Westport Drumlin Prairie Unit within the DNR's Empire Prairie State Natural Area. This will contribute toward the goals of the project area by its prairie restoration potential, protection of endangered and threatened species, and improved public access. Furthermore, preserving the property will fill in the last inholding of restorable land.

Fiscal Estimate:

<u>Fiscal Effect (check all that apply) -</u>	<u>Budget Effect (check all that apply)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Budget Effect
<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Revenue Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Rev. Budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Results in Expenditure Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Exp. Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Revenue Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Rev. Budget
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Position Authority
	<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Position Authority
	Note: if any budget effect, 2/3 vote is required

Narrative/Assumptions about long range fiscal effect:

Expenditure/Revenue Changes:

	Current Year		Annualized			Current Year		Annualized	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures -					Revenues -				
Personal Services					County Taxes				
Operating Expenses					Federal				
Contractual Services					State				
Capital	\$57,225				Other				
Total	\$57,225	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:

None

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