

AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND FOR INDIAN LAKE COUNTY PARK AND
ICE AGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

Dane County Land & Water Resources Department recommends the purchase of approximately 295 acres of land adjacent to the southern boundary of Indian Lake County Park from Indian Trail Farms, LLC for \$2,924,460. Acquisition of this land would expand Indian Lake County Park to just under 800 acres, making it the largest recreation park in the Dane County Park system. The park offers a variety of seasonal recreation activities including hiking, picnicking, cross country skiing, archery hunting, fishing and a dog park. The property will allow the re-routing of trails that experience erosion issues and provide better southern access for land management purposes. The parcel is located within the Ice Age National Scenic Trail Corridor and will create additional Ice Age Trail connectivity options.

The property is on both sides of Indian Trail in the Town of Berry and includes a mix of gently rolling uplands, cropped fields, an intermittent stream and woodland. The property also contains an existing farmstead with six functioning greenhouses that may be reused.

Funds for the purchase are available in the Dane County Conservation Fund. The debt issued to support this expenditure 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 approximately 295 acres from Indian Trail Farms, LLC for \$2,924,460 plus miscellaneous costs according to Wis. Stats. Chapter 27.03(3); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department Director and the Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the closing and the transfer of the above-mentioned property to Dane County, and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.