

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM
THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Dane County Land & Water Resources - Land Conservation Division has secured a grant for \$39,900 from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) through a subcontract with the Regents of the University of Minnesota. The purpose of this grant is to build sustainable relationships around the use of grazing cover crops on dairy and livestock farms in Southern Wisconsin.

By promoting the idea of a farming community, the objective of this project is to support livestock farms to implement the practice of grazing fall planted cover crops leading to a wider spread implementation of this practice across the Southern Wisconsin landscape. This will be accomplished by utilizing existing knowledge of farmers around the state paired with institutional knowledge from local extension and county agency staff. At the end of the 2 year project, the goal is to have introduced this management practice to a wide range of farmers and conservation staff through a network of farms using the practice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby accept the cost share grant in the amount of \$39,900 from the US Department of Agriculture through a subcontract with the Regents of the University of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the Director of Land & Water Resources to sign and submit the grant agreement, submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within 6 months of project completion, submit signed documents and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete approved projects.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a new revenue and expense account LWRCONSV "USDA Grazing Cover Crops Grant" be established for \$39,900. These funds shall be carried forward until expended.