

1                                **SUB \_\_\_\_ 2014 RES-518 (PROPOSED-DOWNING)**  
2                                **AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE**  
3                                **SUGAR RIVER NATURAL RESOURCE AREA - NEPERUD**  
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5     The Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan (POSP) recommends the acquisition of land within  
6     the Sugar River Natural Resource Area. The Sugar River is a significant natural and  
7     recreational resource that is popular for fishing, canoeing and kayaking. The County seeks to  
8     increase access to the river and surrounding lands.  
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10    The Department of Land & Water Resources has recently negotiated the acquisition of a  
11    significant stretch of the Sugar River from the Frances Neperud Estate. The acquisition would  
12    permanently protect approximately 101 acres south of Paoli having nearly 4,800 feet of river  
13    frontage with significant road frontage on Highway 69 for public access. The property is about a  
14    mile south of the Falk-Wells Sugar River Wildlife Area purchased from the Bruce Company in  
15    2013.  
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17    The purchase price of \$780,000 is based on a fair market appraisal. The County intends to  
18    promote river access as it has in other stretches of the Sugar River and manage the property as  
19    a Dane County Wildlife Area.  
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21    Funds for the purchase are available in the Conservation Fund and the Lake Preservation &  
22    Renewal Fund. The debt issued to support this expenditure will have a term of 20 years.  
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24    **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the  
25    Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of approximately 101 acres from the  
26    Frances Neperud Estate for \$780,000 according to Wis. Stats. Chapter 27.05(3) and  
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28    **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the expenditure for this acquisition is hereby authorized in  
29    advance of the County's annual borrowing;  
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31    **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Clerk and Dane County Executive are  
32    authorized to execute documents necessary to maximize cost-sharing from project partners,  
33    which may include temporarily vesting land rights to another agency.  
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35    ~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** Wisconsin DNR Stewardship funding shall not be applied for  
36    until 2016 to provide additional time to work with adjacent landowners on potential acquisitions  
37    that will further preserve additional river corridor and croplands.~~  
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39    **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, to enable the Land and Water Resources Department to  
40    work with adjacent landowners on potential acquisitions that will further preserve additional river  
41    corridor and croplands, Wisconsin DNR Stewardship funding shall be used only for the river  
42    corridor portions of this purchase and any river corridor land acquired from adjacent  
43    landowners in conjunction with this purchase.  
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45    **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Real Estate Coordinator, Real Estate &  
46    Acquisition Director, or Acquisition & Planning Specialist are authorized to administer the  
47    closing and the transfer of the above-mentioned rights to Dane County and the Controller is  
48    authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.