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AUTHORIZING A STREAMBANK EASEMENT FOR
PLEASANT VALLEY BRANCH – WEIDEN

Dane County has negotiated the purchase of a streambank easement on land stretching approximately a 1/2 mile along Pleasant Valley Branch in the Town of Perry. Pleasant Valley Branch, a tributary to Kittleson Valley Creek, is a Tier I Stream Project Area as identified in the *Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan 2012 – 2017*. The purpose of the easement is to provide permanent public trout fishing access, protect water quality, and preserve fish and wildlife habitat. This streambank easement provides an excellent connection to existing Dane County streambank easements that together will permanently secure nearly 4 miles of public trout fishing access throughout the Kittleson Valley watershed.

Acquisition of this streambank easement will continue the success and popularity of the permanent streambank easement program, which was established through the Land & Water Legacy Fund in 2007. To date over 18 miles have been permanently protected and are available for public use. Overall this program is an affordable and efficient way to provide permanent public access to restored trout streams while keeping the property in private ownership and without negatively impacting surrounding agricultural uses.

The total purchase price of the streambank easement is \$33,550. The purchase price is based on a sales study completed by a general certified appraiser. The sales study provides a formula for calculating values throughout the project area that takes into account the approximate amount of stream frontage and acreage of land within the streambank easement corridor.

Funds for the streambank easement purchase are available in the Lake Preservation and Renewal Fund. The debt issued to support this expenditure will have a term of 10 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of a Streambank Easement plus associated costs from Michael S. Weiden and Margaret J. Vergeront according to Wisc. Stats. 27.05(3), and that the land rights be managed under the jurisdiction of the Dane County Park Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dane County Clerk and Dane County Executive are authorized to execute documents necessary to effectuate the Purchase of the property rights by Dane County,

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