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2   2018 RES-487
3   AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND ALONG TOKEN CREEK
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5   The Land & Water Resources Department recommends the acquisition of approximately
6   25.1 acres from the William Graff and Evelyn M. Graff Revocable Living Trust in the
7   Town of Burke. The southern portion of the parcel is made up of wetlands and contains
8   two ponds and approximately 1650 feet of meandering two bank frontage on Token
9   Creek. In addition to the water resources, the parcel contains approximately 6 acres of
10   agricultural land which has been farmed, approximately 2.5 acres of upland with
11   improvements and five acres of woods.
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13   Token Creek is the sole cold water trout fishery in northeastern Dane County. The 27
14   square mile watershed provides nearly half of the base flow of water for Lake Mendota.
15   The County, along with other governmental units and nonprofit organizations, has
16   actively worked on water quality and habitat improvements to protect and enhance this
17   resource.
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19   The Graff parcel adjoins 54 acres to the east that were purchased by the County in
20   2017, and is consistent with the Token Creek County Park and Natural Resource Area
21   Master Plan. The parcel offers opportunities for water resource and habitat
22   management and for passive recreation including fishing and hiking to the public.
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24   The purchase price for the approximately 25.1 acre Graff parcel has been established at
25   $500,000. Funds for the purchase are available in the Conservation Fund. The debt
26   issued to support this expenditure will have a term of 20 years.
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28   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and
29   the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of approximately 25.1 acres
30   from the William Graff and Evelyn M. Graff Revocable Living Trust dated February 6,
31   2007 for $500,000 according to Wis. Stats Chapter 27.03(3); and
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33   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dane County Land & Water Resources
34   Department Director and Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the
35   closing and the transfer of the above-mentioned property to Dane County, and the
36   Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.
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