

AUTHORIZING STREAMBANK EASEMENT ON THE
SUGAR RIVER – SARBACKER LAND COMPANY, LLC

Dane County has negotiated the purchase of a streambank easement along the Sugar River in the Town of Montrose. The easement includes approximately 1,450 feet of undeveloped streambank along the Sugar River. The Sugar River is a cold-water trout stream identified as a Tier I Stream Project in the 2018-2023 Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan. The purpose of the easement is to provide permanent public fishing access, protect water quality, and preserve fish and wildlife habitat.

Acquisition of this streambank easement will continue the success and popularity of the permanent streambank easement program, which was established in 2007. To date over 20 miles have been permanently protected and are available for public use. 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 uses.

The purchase price of the easement is \$23,540. Funds for purchasing the streambank easement are available in the Lake Preservation & 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 County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of a streambank easement from Sarbacker Land Company, LLC for \$23,540 and associated closing costs and that the land rights be managed under the jurisdiction of the Dane County Park Commission according to Wis. Stats. 27.05(3).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk and County Executive are hereby authorized to execute the described easement and related documents on behalf of Dane County; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Land & Water Resources Director or Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the closing and the transfer of the property interest to Dane County and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.