

1 2016 RES-474
2 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE
3 TOKEN CREEK NATURAL RESOURCE AREA - JAHN
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5 Token Creek is the sole cold water trout fishery in northeastern Dane County. The 27
6 square mile watershed provides nearly half of the base flow of water for Lake Mendota.
7 The County, along with other governmental units and nonprofit organizations, has
8 actively worked on water quality and habitat improvement measures for many years to
9 protect and enhance this resource.

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11 Protection efforts include the acquisition of land for Token Creek County Park and the
12 Token Creek Natural Resource Area. Lands protected in these areas are available for
13 public use and enjoyment and also create opportunities for habitat improvement
14 projects.

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16 Pursuant to the *Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan 2012-2017*, the Land & Water
17 Resources Department recommends the acquisition of approximately 54 acres in the
18 Town of Burke through which meanders a beautiful ¾-mile stretch of Token Creek. In
19 addition to the water resource, the property has 20 acres of mixed hardwood and
20 pine/spruce forest. The property would be managed as part of the Token Creek Natural
21 Resource Area and may also be classified as a wildlife area.

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23 The property was listed on the open market. The purchase price of \$467,000 is
24 conditioned upon a County appraisal supporting this value. Funds for the purchase are
25 available in the Conservation Fund. The debt issued to support this expenditure will
26 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 54 acres
30 from the Jahn Revocable Living Trust for \$467,000 according to Wis. Stats Chapter
31 27.03(3); and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expenditure for this acquisition is hereby
34 authorized in advance of the County's annual borrowing; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Land & Water Resources Deputy
37 Director and/or Real Estate Coordinator be authorized to submit grant applications to
38 maximize cost-sharing from Wisconsin DNR and other project partners and the Dane
39 County Clerk and Dane County Executive be authorized to execute grant contracts that
40 require long-term ownership, management, and reporting obligations.

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42 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Land & Water Resources
43 Department Deputy Director or Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the
44 closing and the transfer of the above-mentioned property to Dane County and the
45 Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.