



# Dane County Land & Water Resources Department

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## Memorandum

DATE: March 31, 2015

TO: Public Works & Transportation Committee

FROM: Jan Zimmermann, County Real Estate Coordinator

RE: Recreational Easement for Public Multi-Use Trail from Wisconsin DNR to Dane County for Lower Yahara River Trail

The attached documents approve and accept the donation of a permanent limited easement from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources over WDNR lands adjacent to Lake Farm Park and McDaniels Park for the Lower Yahara River Trail, Phase 1:

- Recreational Trail Easement (Parcel 4 & 7);
- Donation-Waiver of Appraisal Recommendation and Approval (Parcel 4)
- Statement to Construction Engineer (Parcel 4);
- Donation-Waiver of Appraisal Recommendation and Approval (Parcel 7);
- Statement to Construction Engineer (Parcel 7);

The perpetual easement will allow Dane County to construct and maintain a multi-use recreational trail (Lower Yahara River Trail, Phase 1). As a requirement of the Federal grants process, the "Donation – Waiver" and "Statement to Construction Engineer" forms must also be executed by both parties.

The easement, together with easements over other lands in the trail corridor will allow for construction of the Lower Yahara River Trail Phase I from Lake Farm County Park, across the north edge of Lake Waubesa, to McDaniels Park in McFarland.

As an easement under \$100, this falls under Chapter 28.33 of the County ordinance. As such, authority is given to the Public Works & Transportation Committee to approve, and only the County Clerk's signature is required.

Mary Kasperek from Corporation Counsel worked with Counsel for WDNR in drafting and approving the language in the easement document.

AMOUNT: \$0

FUNDING: \$0

