

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND AT CAM-ROCK COUNTY PARK

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The Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan (POSP) recommends the acquisition of land for Cam-Rock County Park. The scenic and popular Cam-Rock County Park, currently 440 acres, is home to important natural resources as well as significant regional recreational activities including, hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, fishing, and canoeing/kayaking. It has also become a statewide destination for single-track trail mountain biking. The County seeks to add public lands to Cam-Rock County Park to further enhance these conservation and recreational purposes.

The Department of Land & Water Resources has recently negotiated the purchase of a large block of property from Gary Rattman on the western edge of the park off Highland Drive, a key acquisition identified in the 2008 Cam-Rock Park Master Plan. The addition would permanently protect over 83 acres, which includes 2,040 linear feet of frontage on Koshkonong Creek and 2,500 linear feet of a tributary stream. This acquisition will meet multiple objectives of the master plan, including permanent protection of land and river resources; expanded opportunities for mountain bike trails in an area adjacent to a high concentration of bike trail activity; and provide key lands for the proposed future dog exercise area.

The purchase price of \$959,000 for the 83+ acres is based on a fair market appraisal. The purchase provides for a lease-back by Mr. Rattman of the farmhouse and buildings for two years and the crop land for five years. Funds for the purchase are available in the Conservation Fund. The debt issued to support this expenditure will have a term of 20 years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of approximately 83 acres from Gary Rattman for \$959,000 according to Wis. Stats Chapter 27.05(3) and

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

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 by Dane County as well as the lease-back of the farmstead buildings and crop land;

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