

AUTHORIZING EXTINGUISHMENT 1 ACRE OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR HIGHWAY 19 AND RIVER ROAD PROJECT

Dane County acquired a Conservation Easement on approximately 75 acres in the Town of Westport from Ronald and Heather Treinen in 2017 in order to preserve agricultural land and maintain the rural landscape around the Yahara River in the Cherokee Marsh Natural Resource Area. The easement parcel is bordered by River Road to the east and Highway 19 to the South.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) is expanding Highway 19 between Interstate Highway 39 and River Road and plans to install a roundabout at Highway 19 and River Road. DOT needs approximately 1.031 acres of Treinen's ownership for the project and has requested that the County extinguish the easement on this acre.

The terms of the Conservation Easement require that the landowner reimburse a portion of the fair market value of the parcel to the County in the event of extinguishment. The Treinen's have accepted DOT's offer of compensation which specifies a payment of \$4,897 from DOT to the County in return for the loss of the easement area.

The DOT project was known at the time of the conservation easement purchase and it was understood and anticipated that a small portion of the easement would be extinguished once the project details were known.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Dane does hereby approve and authorize the extinguishment of a Conservation Easement on approximately 1.031 acres in return for the payment of \$4,897 from DOT, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following revenue and expenditure lines be increased and a new expenditure line be created:

Existing Expenditure

LWRPKOP 10108	Social Security	\$348
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New Expenditure

LWRPKOP NEW	LTE- GIS	\$4,549
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Existing Revenue

LWRPKOP 84828	Sale of County Property	\$4,897
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these funds shall be carried forward until expended.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk and the County Executive are hereby authorized to execute a deed of conveyance on behalf of the County of Dane.