

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND AT ANDERSON FARM COUNTY PARK

Anderson Farm County Park, located in the Town of Oregon, is one of Dane County's newer recreational parks. The Park is currently 300 acres in size and the master plan recommends the acquisition of additional acreage to meet the recreational, agricultural and natural resource objectives of the plan. The Park has attracted a devoted group of volunteers that have formed a Friends group and have already accomplished several projects, include the development of a trail network and restoration of a woodlot.

The Anderson Farm County park master plan calls for amenities with a regional draw, such as several miles of trails, a dog exercise area, a sledding hill, and a farm learning and education center.

The Land & Water Resources Department has recently negotiated the acquisition of an inholding within the Park that will help accomplish the plan recommendations. The property is approximately 8 acres and includes a farmhouse and associated outbuildings and improvements, such as a well. Acquisition of the property will help establish the farm learning and education center when partner organizations are available to provide program oversight and support.

The property appraised at \$325,000. The owner, the Patricia and Lyman Anderson Family, has agreed to sell the property for \$300,000. 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 8 acres from the Patricia and Lyman Anderson Family (a/k/a Lucky's Rentals LLC) for \$300,000 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 FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Deputy Director or Real Estate Coordinator 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.