

ADOPTING THE 2025 - 2030 DANE COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

The Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan has provided the foundation for preservation of key cultural, natural and historic resources that enhance the quality of life in Dane County for more than 50 years. The Land & Water Resources Department - Dane County Parks Division has completed an update of the County Parks and Open Space Plan for the period of 2025-2030. The plan must be updated every five years in order to be eligible to apply for a variety of grants including land acquisition and park development funding through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant program.

The planning process included four public informational meetings, a user survey, a website, and individual meetings with more than 20 local units of government, non-profit conservation organizations, and other stakeholder groups for the purpose of soliciting input on recommendations to be included in the updated plan. The plan is used by the Dane County Park Commission as a guide for making future resource protection and park development recommendations and decisions over the next five years. Participation by private land owners or local units of government to carry out any of the resource protection initiatives or park and trail development projects outlined in the plan is on a voluntary basis. This plan is not a land use plan or created for the purpose of guiding future zoning decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive approves and adopts the 2025-30 Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Park Commission wishes to dedicate the 2025-30 Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan to past and future generations by honoring those who came before us and being good stewards of the land for those yet to come.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors Dane County Executive, and Dane County Parks Commission thank all of the citizens, local units of government, non profit conservation organizations, staff and other stakeholders who assisted in the preparation of this plan.