

AUTHORIZING DONATION OF FUNDS FOR MORTON FOREST

Stephen D. Morton donated Morton Forest to Dane County Parks out of a desire to preserve the natural beauty and ecological value of the land for future generations. A conservation-minded landowner, Morton recognized the importance of protecting open space in the face of growing development. He gifted the 114-acre property, located in the Town of Mazomanie, to Dane County, ensuring it would be permanently preserved as public land.

In addition to donating the land, Morton also established The Stephen D. Morton Fund for Morton Forest through the Madison Community Foundation. This fund is dedicated to supporting the ongoing improvement and maintenance of Morton Forest, including restoration of forest and prairie ecosystems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby accepts \$18,314 in funds from the Stephen D Morton Fund for Morton Forest through the Madison Community Foundation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that revenue account LWRPKOP 80127 Morton Forest MCT Revenue be increased by \$18,314, expense account LWRPKOP 20127 Morton Forest Maintenance be increased by \$18,314. All funds shall carry forward until expended.