

2017 RES-041

AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AT WALKING IRON COUNTY PARK

Dane County has negotiated the purchase of approximately 40 acres at Walking Iron County Park. Acquisition of this property is a recommendation of the *2012-2017 Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan*.

The property will be managed as part of Walking Iron County Park and is part of a continuous connection of public land starting with Lion's Park in the Village of Mazomanie to the WI DNR Lower Wisconsin Riverway. This premier corridor supports a wide diversity of wildlife and habitat types while also offering many recreational opportunities. The property borders Marsh Creek and provides opportunities for new trails at the Park.

The purchase price of the property is the appraised value of \$268,000 (Acreage adjustments pending a final survey shall be made at \$6,700/acre). A right of first refusal will also be granted to the County on 40 acres bordering this property for \$5,000. Funds for the project 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 County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of land from John Trager and John Wick and that the land rights be managed under the jurisdiction of the Dane County Park Commission according to Wis. Stats. 27.05(3).

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Executive is authorized to sign the right of first refusal on adjoining lands.

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