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APPROVAL OF THE SILVERWOOD COUNTY PARK MASTER PLAN

Dane County Parks has completed a master plan for Silverwood County Park. The County currently owns approximately 300 acres within the recreation park boundary. The plan includes proposed improvements for lands within the park and also includes general recreation and resource protection recommendations for lands surrounding the park.

The master planning process evaluated existing agricultural, natural and recreational resources within the project area and incorporated public, stakeholder and staff input to create recommendations found within the plan. The public input process included a series of meetings from January of 2014 through June of 2016.

Recommendations within the plan include agricultural education facilities and activities, picnic shelter, access (for accessible fishing and/or canoe/kayak launching) to Rice Lake and Sweet Lakes, hiking and equestrian trails, toilets, and prairie and savanna restoration. Many of the plan recommendations will be contingent upon support and involvement from partner organizations such as the Friends of Silverwood Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive adopt the Master Plan for Silverwood County Park as an element of the Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Park Commission, County Board of Supervisors, and the County Executive thank the Town of Albion and all of the citizens and stakeholders for their time and effort in assisting with preparation of the plan.