

DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO
GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY (BROST)

Groundswell Conservancy has applied to the Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Program for financial assistance to purchase approximately 68.85 acres located west of Lower Mud Lake, in the Town of Dunn. The property lies on both sides of USH 51 and is within the Lower Mud Lake Natural Resources Area. It is adjacent on the east to Wisconsin DNR owned land in the Lower Mud Lake State Fishery Area.

The property is mostly marsh/wetland with some small areas of open water. The approximately 6 acres of upland is wooded with a mix of hardwoods and pines. Groundswell Conservancy would acquire the property for wetland habitat protection and public recreation and would be responsible for management of the parcel.

The estimated project costs for the acquisition total \$297,800. The Dane County Park Commission recommends up to \$152,570 in County matching funds. A Knowles Nelson Stewardship grant and contribution from the Town of Dunn will complete the purchase.

The term of the debt issued to support this expenditure will be 20 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a grant of up to \$152,570 to Groundswell Conservancy is approved by the Dane County Board and the Dane County Executive and that the County will pay up to the grant amount based on actual project expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dane County Clerk and Dane County Executive are authorized to execute documents necessary to effectuate the grant award, which may include grant agreements, management agreements, and the acceptance of an easement that will vest in Dane County according to Wisc. Stats. 27.05(3), and that the land interests be managed under the jurisdiction of the Dane County Park Commission.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Director and Real Estate Coordinator, are authorized to approve closing and reimbursement documentation for grant projects and the transfer of an easement to Dane County and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transactions authorized through the grant award.