

1 **2014 RES-546**

2 **ACCEPTANCE OF A USDA-NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE GRANT**

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4 Dane County Land & Water Resources – Land Conservation Division has received a grant from
5 the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership
6 Program (RCP) for up to \$375,000. This grant will support conservation implementation as
7 part of both the Yahara CLEAN and Adaptive Management efforts with funding of up to \$75,000
8 for each year from 2015 through 2019. This funding will be leveraged with an additional
9 \$925,000 from NRCS for cost-share assistance to landowners. Cost-share assistance is
10 available through the NRCS's – Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) for
11 conservation practice implementation.

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13 This agreement develops a cooperative undertaking between Dane County Land & Water
14 Resources and NRCS to provide funding for the technical assistance necessary for
15 conservation practice design, layout, construction, and verification.

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17 Dane County Land & Water Resources, NRCS, and partners have common objectives in
18 reducing soil erosion as well as protecting and improving water quality. This agreement will
19 continue to support efforts in reaching those objectives by strengthening and encouraging the
20 voluntary approach of private landowner participation and implementation of conservation
21 practices.

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23 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane
24 County Executive hereby accept the grant award from the USDA-NRCS for up to \$375,000.

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26 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this revenue is included in the Land & Water Resources
27 2015 budget under account LWRCONSV 81782.
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