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**AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE INDIAN LAKE COUNTY PARK &
HALFWAY PRAIRIE WILDLIFE AREA MASTER PLAN**

Dane County Parks planning staff have completed a master plan for Indian Lake County Park and Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area. At 791 acres Indian Lake County Park is Dane County's largest recreation park and combined with the adjacent 148 acre Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area the two properties offer nearly 1000 acres of public land. The plan proposes future recreation, facility and land management recommendations for both park properties.

The master planning process evaluated existing cultural, historical, natural and recreational features within the project area planning boundary and incorporated public, stakeholder and staff input to create recommendations found within the plan. The planning process included a series of meetings with the public, Town of Berry, stakeholders, neighbors and the Park Commission from March of 2022 through December of 2023.

Major plan recommendations include improvements to the dog park, extensive prairie and savanna restoration, pollinator habitat improvements within agricultural areas, additional hiking, cross country ski and snowshoe trails, a bicycle trail connection into the park from Indian Trail (Rd.), a future picnic shelter area and accessibility improvements to the scenic overlook and group camp area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and County Executive adopt the Indian Lake County Park Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area Master Plan as an element of the Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Park Commission, County Board of Supervisors, and County Executive thank all who assisted with preparation of the plan.