SUB ___ TO 2014 RES-546 (PROPOSED – ERICKSON)
ACCEPTANCE OF A USDA-NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE GRANT

Dane County Land & Water Resources – Land Conservation Division has received a grant from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) for up to $375,000. This grant will support conservation implementation as part of both the Yahara CLEAN and Adaptive Management efforts with funding of up to $75,000 for each year from 2015 through 2019. This funding will be leveraged with an additional $925,000 from NRCS for cost-share assistance to landowners. Cost-share assistance is available through the NRCS's – Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) for conservation practice implementation. No funds may be expended for Community Manure Storage prior to the completion of the multi-year Capital Project Implementation Plan required in the 2015 Capital Budget and the approval of that plan by the Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

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

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

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

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