

AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT –
SPIEGELHOFF

Dane County Land & Water Resources Department has negotiated the purchase of a Conservation Easement in the Town of York from Harvey Spiegelhoff. The easement will encumber an approximately 8.5 acre production site that is part of a larger 160 acre farm. The farm is located off of STH 89 and Muller Road and the site abuts Nolan Creek which drains into the Crawfish River.

The easement requires that the livestock be removed from the site and prohibits any livestock in the future. It also requires removal of manure on feedlots and pastures adjacent to Nolan Creek and prohibits future manure storage and feed storage within the site. As part of the transaction and with cost share funding, Mr. Spiegelhoff will remove a culvert over the creek and milkhouse waste pipe that outlets into the creek and seed and mulch in order to stabilize the banks of Nolan Creek.

The easement also requires the owner to have the operator of the cropland submit a nutrient management plan in accordance with applicable technical standards annually to the Land Conservation Division (LCD) as well as comply with the agricultural performance standards and prohibitions identified in county ordinance and ch. NR 151, Wisconsin Administrative Code. Farming in accordance with these requirements paired with the limitation of livestock will reduce sediment and nutrient runoff and help improve water quality in the Rock River Watershed.

The purchase price of the easement is \$94,000. Funds for the project are available in the LWLEGACY 57197 Chapter 14 Enforcement account. The debt issued to support this expenditure will have a term of 20 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of a conservation easement from Harvey Spiegelhoff and that the land rights be managed under the jurisdiction of the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk and County Executive are hereby authorized to execute the described easement and related documents on behalf of Dane County; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Land & Water Resources Director or Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the closing and the transfer of the easement interests to Dane County and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.