

AUTHORIZING DEED RESTRICTIONS ON COUNTY PROPERTY AT 7167
SCHNEIDER ROAD TO FACILITATE PRODUCTION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

Dane County owns property at 7167 Schneider Road that is leased to a private entity for use and operation of a manure digester. The purpose of the digester and related components is to reduce phosphorus runoff and to improve the use of nutrients.

The digester was originally designed to generate electricity that was sold to offset operating costs. Since the facility was designed and constructed over 10 years ago, electricity rates have fallen and it is no longer a viable economic model. The current owner/operator of the digester wishes to convert to renewable natural gas (RNG) production, which is consistent with industry trends. Additionally, the owner/operator would like to install solar energy systems to offset energy needs for the facility.

The proposed facility changes require conditional use permit(s) from the Town of Springfield. The conditional use permit process requires the property owner, in this case the County of Dane, to place deed restrictions on the property. The deed restrictions limit use of the property to the permitted and conditional uses set forth in the document.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the deed restriction on county property at 7167 Schneider Road;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk and County Executive are authorized to execute the deed restriction.