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ACCEPTING DONATION OF LAND FOR THE ICE AGE TRAIL

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail runs through Dane County. A segment of the trail currently exists at the Valley View Preserve in the Town of Middleton. The Valley View Preserve is owned and managed by the Ice Age Trail Alliance.

Two landowners that are adjacent to the Preserve would like to donate their vacant land for the public good. The total acreage equals approximately 30 acres. The property is on the south end of the Preserve and has been expertly managed and cared for by the landowners, who have put significant efforts into helping restore and manage the Preserve.

The vacant land will first be donated to Dane County. During the period of county ownership, the Alliance will be responsible for day to day management of the property. The County will transfer the property to the Alliance in the future, after the County has worked with the DNR to update the properties' status in the managed forest law program.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and County Executive accept the donation of land from the Fiore and Wise families;

Be it further resolved that the County Executive is authorized to sign donation, management and transfer agreements with the landowners and the Ice Age Trail Alliance;

Be it finally resolved that the County Executive is authorized to sign a deed transferring the properties to the Ice Age Trail Alliance and that the Real Estate & Acquisition Director is authorized to oversee the transfer of land both to and from Dane County.