

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A STREAMBANK AND PUBLIC RECREATIONAL TRAIL EASEMENT - WOLF

Dane County Land & Water Resources Department is partnering with Groundswell Conservancy, Inc. to purchase a Streambank and Public Recreational Trail Easement on land in the Town of Mazomanie and Village of Mazomanie owned by Frederick Wolf. A similar easement is held on Mr. Wolf's adjacent land to the west that contains over one mile of Black Earth Creek frontage and provides a connection for the Wolf Run Trail.

This easement covers approximately 10 acres and contains approximately 1,225 feet of frontage along Halfway Prairie Creek that will provide for permanent public fishing access, habitat enhancement and development of a regional multi-use recreational trail. The easement corridor will also provide public access to the existing Wolf Run Trail that connects the Village of Mazomanie to the Wisconsin Heights School and to a planned multi-use public recreational trail that may one day connect the Village of Mazomanie to the Village of Sauk City.

The easement will be co-held by the county and Groundswell Conservancy. The cost of the easement is \$51,000 and will be funded by the county. Groundswell Conservancy will be responsible for monitoring and management of the easement area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby authorizes the purchase of a Streambank and Public Recreational Trail Easement as described above from Frederick Wolf for \$51,000 plus miscellaneous costs according to Wisc. Stats. 27.05(3); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Clerk and Dane County Executive are authorized to execute documents necessary to accept the property rights on behalf of Dane County;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department Director and the Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the closing and the transfer of the above-mentioned property to Dane County, and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.