

**DANE COUNTY  
POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original	<input type="checkbox"/> Update	Substitute No. _____
Sponsor: Ripp		Resolution No. 2014 RES-415
Vote Required:		Ordinance Amendment No. _____
Majority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Two-Thirds	

Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:

**2014 DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIASTS**

**Policy Analysis Statement:**

Brief Description of Proposal -

The Prairie Enthusiasts have applied to the Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Program for financial assistance to purchase approximately 98 acres in the Town of Primrose for \$467,360. The Conservation Fund Grant Advisory Committee recommends up to \$247,498 in County matching funds. The remainder of the acquisition costs will be provided by a grant from the DNR Stewardship Grant Program that has been secured by the Prairie Enthusiasts.

Current Policy or Practice -

Conservation Grant awards require County Board approval.

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

The property is high quality native grassland that is located within the Southwest Grasslands & Stream Conservation Area as identified in the Dane County Parks & Preservation of this property will protect critical grassland bird habitat and several endangered/threatened plant and animal species. Furthermore, this acquisition will conserve in perpetuity a cold water tributary stream of the Primrose Branch, which is a DNR designated trout stream.

**Fiscal Estimate:**

<u>Fiscal Effect (check all that apply) -</u>	<u>Budget Effect (check all that apply)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Budget Effect
<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Revenue Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Rev. Budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Results in Expenditure Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Exp. Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Revenue Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Rev. Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Expenditure Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Exp. Budget
	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Position Authority
	<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Position Authority
	Note: if any budget effect, 2/3 vote is required

**Narrative/Assumptions about long range fiscal effect:**

**Expenditure/Revenue Changes:**

	Current Year		Annualized			Current Year		Annualized	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures -					Revenues -				
Personal Services					County Taxes				
Operating Expenses					Federal				
Contractual Services					State				
Capital	\$247,498				Other				
Total	\$247,498	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:**

None

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