

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LANDS FOR BABCOCK COUNTY PARK

Dane County Parks recommends the acquisition of two waterfront parcels totaling approximately 1.3 acres in the Town of Dunn. The parcels are contiguous to each other on the eastern shore of Lake Waubesa adjacent to the Babcock County Park lake access site. Purchased together, these parcels will add approximately 650 feet of contiguous public shoreline access at the County's most popular lake access site.

Babcock County Park has approximately 160,000 boat launch users annually, making it the most highly used launch in Dane County. Acquisition of these parcels would provide additional space needed for special events that require lake access, walk on public winter ice access at an area that currently has none and ADA accessible shore fishing improvements.

Dane County Parks, the Foundation for Dane County Parks and several non-profit organizations have identified Babcock County Park as a premier location for a variety of shoreline accessibility improvements including wheelchair boat access facilities, a kayak launch, fishing piers and parking. These parcels will provide additional area for these accessible updates.

In addition to added recreational opportunities, acquisition of these parcels could provide the County opportunities to better manage water flow through the Lower Yahara River and create efficiencies for the aquatic plant management program, including additional parking for mechanical harvesters.

Funds for the purchase are available in the Dane County Conservation Fund. 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 the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of approximately .577 acres from Marilyn K. Herbert for \$789,900 and .723 acres from B & D Pottinger for \$799,900, totaling \$1,589,800 plus miscellaneous costs according to Wis. Stats Chapter 27.03(3); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department Director and 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.