1   2016 RES-648
2   AUTHORIZING STREAMBANK EASEMENT ON THE WEST BRANCH OF THE
3   SUGAR RIVER – SARBACKER
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5   Dane County has negotiated the purchase of a streambank easement along the West
6   Branch of the Sugar River in the Town of Montrose. The easement will run through two
7   parcels that contain a meandering ½ mile stretch of the stream and are adjacent to the
8   Falk Wells Sugar River Wildlife Area. The West Branch is a cold-water trout stream
9   identified as a Tier I Stream Project in the *Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan 2012-*
10   *2017*. The purpose of the easement is to provide permanent public fishing access,
11   protect water quality, and preserve fish and wildlife habitat.
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13   Acquisition of this streambank easement will continue the success and popularity of the
14   permanent streambank easement program, which was established in 2007. To date
15   over 19 miles have been permanently protected and are available for public use. This
16   program is an affordable and efficient way to provide permanent public access to
17   restored trout streams while keeping the property in private ownership and without
18   negatively impacting surrounding uses.
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20   The purchase price of the easement is $31,600. Funds for purchasing the streambank
21   easement are available in the Lake Preservation & Renewal Fund. The debt issued to
22   support this expenditure will have a term of 10 years.
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24   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and
25   County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of a streambank easement from
26   Thomas and Vicki Sarbacker for $31,600 and that the land rights be managed under the
27   jurisdiction of the Dane County Park Commission according to Wis. Stats. 27.05(3).
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29   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk and County Executive are
30   hereby authorized to execute the described easement and related documents on behalf
31   of Dane County; and
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33   BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Land & Water Resources Deputy Director or Real
34   Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the closing and the transfer of the
35   property interest to Dane County and the Controller is authorized to issue checks
36   necessary to effectuate the transaction.