

1 **2016 RES-263**

2 **AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND ON TOKEN CREEK FROM THE WI DNR**

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4 The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) is currently offering land for
5 sale, as required under Wisconsin Act 20. Land will be sold to three groups in order of
6 priority:

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8 1. Sale to a unit of government or Wisconsin sovereign tribal nation.
9 2. Private sale for trespass or boundary settlement or with adjacent property owner
10 under special circumstances.
11 3. Public sale to the general public.

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13 A property known as the Token Creek Carp Pond in the Town of Burke has been offered
14 only to Dane County. The property is approximately 11 acres and includes frontage on
15 Token Creek. The property has two threatened species; henslow's sparrow and white
16 lady's-slipper are noted, along with the endangered blanchard's cricket frog.

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18 This stretch of Token Creek was recently rehabilitated and the former carp pond was
19 removed and two wetland sites were created in its place. Overall, the newly restored
20 property and stream should provide good fish and wildlife habitat and a source of warm
21 water entering the stream has been eliminated (warmer water contains less oxygen than
22 colder water, which is stressful or lethal for fish).

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24 The property is identified in Dane County's Token Creek County Park and Natural
25 Resource Area Master Plan and provides access and parking in an area where public
26 access does not otherwise exist.

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28 The DNR is offering the property to Dane County for \$8,000. The property will carry a
29 deed restriction requiring it to be open to hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and skiing.
30 Funds for the purchase are available in the Conservation Fund. The debt issued to
31 support this expenditure will have a term of 20 years.

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33 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and
34 the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of approximately 11 acres
35 from the WI DNR for \$8,000 according to Wis. Stats Chapter 27.05(3) and

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