

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND AT CAM-ROCK COUNTY PARK

The Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan (POSP) recommends the acquisition of land for Cam-Rock County Park. The scenic and popular Cam-Rock County Park protects important natural resources and provides significant regional recreational activities including, hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, fishing, and canoeing/kayaking. The Park has also become a statewide destination for single-track trail mountain biking. The County seeks to add public lands to Cam-Rock County Park to expand these conservation and recreational offerings.

The Department of Land & Water Resources has recently negotiated the purchase of property on the north end of the Park, within the Village of Cambridge from the Scott Family. The addition would permanently protect approximately 48 acres, with nearly 500 linear feet of frontage on Koshkonong Creek. This acquisition will meet multiple objectives of the master plan, including permanent protection of land and river resources. The acquisition will also improve pedestrian access to the Park from the Village of Cambridge.

The purchase price of \$610,000 is the appraised value and a small consideration for improvements to be made to the property prior to purchase. The purchase provides for a lease to Richard Scott of the crop land for five years. Funds for the purchase are available in the 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 48 acres from Richard and Jean Scott and RRPCS, LLC for \$610,000 according to Wis. Stats Chapter 27.05(3) and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expenditure for this acquisition is hereby authorized in advance of the County's annual borrowing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dane County Clerk and Dane County Executive are authorized to execute documents necessary to complete the purchase of the property by Dane County as well as the lease of the farmstead buildings and crop land;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dane County Clerk and Dane County Executive are authorized to execute grant contracts that require long-term ownership, management, and reporting obligations

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Deputy Director or 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.