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**Dane County Parks staff recommends (2) two 2021 grant disbursements from Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment and the Phillip & Elizabeth Lewis Family Park Fund for a total of \$25,569.75 as follows:**

1) \$16,569.75 to the Foundation for Dane County Parks

The Foundation will provide the distribution of funds for the following grants that were approved in November for the following volunteer projects:

- a) **Prairie Moraine Friends** – “Bluebirds in the Park” project: \$2000.00 for purchase of two interpretive signs (aluminum, graffiti resistant) and cedar boards for constructing bluebird houses.
- b) **Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy** – “Outreach to Underserved Populations” project: \$1800.00 for programming assistance, rental of all-terrain wheel chairs, art supplies, stipend for musicians, backpacks.
- c) **Friends of McCarthy Park** – “Upgrade Grooming Equipment to Maintain Cross Country Ski Trails, Snow Shoe Trails and Sledding Hill” project: \$2000.00 for a snow roller/compactor, large trail mower and signage. MadNorski Ski Group, Prairie Riders Snowmobile Club, and Friends of McCarthy Park are also contributing to these purchases.
- d) **Friends of Schumacher Park** – “Ag to Prairie Conversion” project: \$2000.00 for purchase of specialty seed, benches, trail construction and interpretive signage.
- e) **Friends of Silverwood Park** – “Silverwood Healthy Soils Workshop” project: \$2000.00 to hire an educator to develop curriculum for an initial workshop/module for adult learners focused on regenerative soil practices in cooperation with Dane County, UW-Extension and others.
- f) **Friends of Stewart Park** – “Savanna Restoration Reveal” project: \$2000.00 for rental of timber harvest equipment, interpretive signage and educational opportunities for Operation Fresh Start crew.
- g) **Friends of Capital Springs** – “Ho-Chunk Collaborative Activities” project: \$1,769.75 for Ho-Chunk traditional signage, binoculars, event collaboration and travel expenses.
- h) **Access Ability Wisconsin (AAW)** – “Outdoor Access 4 All LFHC” project: \$2000.00 to fund a part-time AAW staff to manage reservations and use of all-terrain chair housed at LFHC and to train and educate volunteers.
- i) **Dane County Council of Snowmobile Clubs** – “Trail Intersection Numbering for Emergency Response” requested \$2000.00 for purchase of new intersection signs and USG location signs in Dane County parks in order to locate riders in case of emergencies. This project was approved for \$1000.00 related to the limited number of signs that would be needed on county park lands.

2) \$9,000 to Dane County Parks

The money will be used to purchase supplies and facilitate training sessions to support the Volunteer Program.