

APPROVING THE DIVISION OF JOINTLY OWNED LAND IN THE TOWN OF MEDINA

Resolution 108, 07-08 accepted the donation of 132 acres of land from George Socha Sr. and Joyce M. Baer in the Town of Medina that includes over one mile of frontage along the Maunasha River. The donation was conditioned on the reservation of a life estate giving George Socha Sr. and Joyce M. Baer exclusive use of the property during each of their lifetimes or until such time as he, she or they choose to surrender their rights. The property will be used for park, recreation and conservation purposes.

In addition to the 132 acres donated to the County, George Socha Sr. and Joyce M. Baer owned an adjacent 11.4 acres, where their home and related outbuildings are located. Joyce M. Baer passed away in 2013 and left her undivided one-half ownership in the 11.4 acres as a gift to Dane County, which the County accepted through 2014 RES-397, subject to the reservation of a life estate for the benefit of George Socha Sr.

It is in Dane County's and George Socha Sr.'s best interest to allocate this parcel so that each party has full fee interest in a portion of this 11.4 acre site. Dane County staff recommend that Mr. Socha assume 100% ownership in the northerly approximately 2.8 acres with the residence and outbuildings. Dane County would assume a 100% interest in the southern 8.64 acres of vacant open lands. As part of this land division, George Socha would retain a life estate on the 8.6 vacant acres, and the County would retain a right of first offer on the 2.8 acres with the residence and outbuildings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby approve the division of acreage currently co-owned by Dane County and George Socha as allocated above and with the retained rights indicated so that each party owns a 100% portion of said lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the land rights allocated to Dane County be managed under the jurisdiction of the Dane County Park Commission according to Wisc. Stats. Chapter 27.05(3).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Clerk be authorized to execute the deed, the Land & Water Resources Department Deputy Director and Real Estate Coordinator be authorized to expedite the conveyance of the property interests to and from Dane County, to administer the closings, and the Controller is authorized to issue any checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.