

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE BLUE MOUNDS NATURAL RESOURCE AREA –  
WADE

The Department of Land & Water Resources has negotiated the purchase of a fee interest in an approximate 80-acre parcel of vacant land located in the Town of Vermont owned by Kenneth Wade. The property is adjacent to Brigham County Park and is located within the Blue Mounds Natural Resource Area as identified in the Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan. In addition, the property is adjacent to a large swath of lands protected by conservation easements held by the County and The Prairie Enthusiasts. Protection of the Wade property will provide a contiguous block of approximately 370 acres of protected lands within the Blue Mounds Natural Resource Area.

The property is a steep, wooded and ecologically diverse parcel that contains springs and forested seeps and associated recharge areas feeding Ryan Creek. It serves as critical habitat for closed canopy forest interior nesting bird species of threatened and special concern status and for several endangered and sensitive plant species.

The purchase, at the appraised value of \$400,000, will be made using funds in the Dane County Conservation Fund. Dane County has secured a \$140,185 grant from the DNR's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for reimbursement of a portion of the acquisition cost. The DNR grant requires the property to be open to the public for hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking, and cross-country skiing. Dane County will develop and manage the property as a County Wildlife Area.

The debt issued to support the acquisition 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 the Wade property for \$400,000, and according to Wisc. Stats. 27.05(3), and that the land be managed under the jurisdiction of the Dane County Park Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dane County Clerk and Dane County Executive are authorized to execute documents, including the grant contract, necessary to accept the grant funds.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Real Estate & Acquisition Director, Real Estate Coordinator, and Acquisition and Planning Specialist are authorized to administer the closing and the transfer of the above mentioned rights to Dane County and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.

Submitted by Supervisors Ripp, Richmond and Downing, April 3, 2014.

Referred to PERSONNEL & FINANCE, ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES and PARKS.

DANE COUNTY  
POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original	<input type="checkbox"/> Update	Substitute No. _____
Sponsor: Ripp		Resolution No. 302, 13-14
Vote Required:		Ordinance Amendment No. _____
Majority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Two-Thirds <input type="checkbox"/>	

Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:

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Policy Analysis Statement:

Brief Description of Proposal -

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Current Policy or Practice -

Land purchased require County Board approval.

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

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Fiscal Estimate:

Fiscal Effect (check all that apply) -

- No Fiscal Effect
- Results in Revenue Increase
- Results in Expenditure Increase
- Results in Revenue Decrease
- Results in Expenditure Decrease

Budget Effect (check all that apply)

- No Budget Effect
  - Increases Rev. Budget
  - Increases Exp. Budget
  - Decreases Rev. Budget
  - Decreases Exp. Budget
  - Increases Position Authority
  - Decreases Position Authority
- Note: If any budget effect, 2/3 vote is required

Narrative/Assumptions about long range fiscal effect:

Expenditure/Revenue Changes:

	Current Year		Annualized			Current Year		Annualized	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures -					Revenues -				
Personal Services					County Taxes				
Operating Expenses					Federal				
Contractual Services					State	\$140,185			
Capital	\$400,000				Other				
Total	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total	\$140,185	\$0	\$0	\$0

Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:

None

Prepared By:

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