

2017 RES-399

AUTHORIZING AN AGRICULTURAL LEASE WITH THE FRIENDS OF SILVERWOOD

Silverwood County Park is approximately 285 acres in the Town of Albion. The master plan emphasizes long-term agricultural use and programming at the Park. The Friends of Silverwood, established in 2013, are an active non-profit group with a mission to support the development and maintenance of the park.

The Friends of Silverwood have leased approximately 16 acres at Silverwood County Park for agricultural purposes for the past few years. The Friends would like to lease an additional 38 acres at the Park in order to both expand implementation of the master plan and also to specifically implement certain initiatives that are of particular interest to the Friends, such as transition to certified organic production and increased educational programming. Any revenue collected on the leased property will be used at Silverwood County Park

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors authorize a 7 year lease with the Friends of Silverwood and that the Dane County Executive and County Clerk are authorized to execute the lease contract;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Land & Water Resources Department Director or designee be authorized to act as the County's representative in administering the lease.