

**DANE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
2015 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

<b>Amendment #</b>	EANR-3		
<b>Sponsor/Committee:</b>	Supervisor Hendrick		
<b>Oversight Committee Action:</b>	Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Failed 2-3, YGP 1-0-1 Public Works and Transportation, approved as amended 5-0, YGP 2-0		
<b>Personnel &amp; Finance Action:</b>			
<b>Narrative Page:</b>			
<b>Department:</b>	Land and Water Resources		
<b>Program:</b>	Water Engineering		
<b>Motion:</b> (revenue/expenditure/text effect)	Increase operating expenditures in the County Board office by <del>\$40,000</del> <u>\$20,000</u> to plan and coordinate restoration of county hydric soils into wetlands.		
<b>Program Effect:</b>	The effect of the amendment is to provide \$40,000 in operating expenditures to plan and coordinate restoration of county hydric soils into wetlands.		
<b>FTE Effect:</b>	-		
<b>Line Item Detail</b> (not required for introduction, attach additional listing if necessary)			
<b>Org</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	NEW		
		Funding to plan and coordinate restoration of	\$20,000
		county hydric soils into wetlands	
<b>Intent/Justification</b>			
<p>In Dane County, most hydric soils were once wetlands. They are suitable for agriculture or conservation but not development. In order to survive the effects of climate change, Dane County should be converting some of these lands to wetlands through a county program carried out by contracted expert(s). The Sustainability Coordinator will develop an RFP and contract for one or more experts to work with the Land &amp; Water Resource Department, Planning and Development, and the Public Works &amp; Transportation Department to: (1) Develop a long range vision for restoring the same acreage of wetlands in Dane County as at the time of the Original Survey (not the exact same wetlands but the same acreage); (2) Prioritize restoration areas based on existing knowledge such as a recent report by the Environmental Law Institute and The Nature Conservancy; (3) <u>Conduct</u> <u>Coordinate</u> a pilot project to restore at least one site with hydric soils into a future wetland; (4) Analyze the option of creating a Dane County or regional wetland mitigation bank as a mechanism for restoring more future wetlands and providing county departments with the possible mitigation for other projects.</p>			
<b>NET GPR EFFECT:</b>			<u>\$20,000</u>