

1 2018 RES-186
2 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND
3 FOR THE ICE AGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
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5 The Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan recommends the acquisition of lands for
6 the Ice Age National Scenic Trail (IANST). The IANST was designated a National
7 Scenic Trail by Congress in 1980 and is one of only eleven National Scenic Trails. The
8 Trail corridor traverses north - south through western Dane County and follows the end
9 moraines that mark the furthest extent of the glacial advancement. The County, along
10 with other units of government and the Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) work together to
11 acquire lands in order to make Trail connections.
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13 A portion of the established IANST currently runs through the Town of Verona, ending at
14 Woods Road. The City of Madison (City) has recently negotiated the acquisition of
15 approximately 40 acres of land from Charles P. Dykman and Bonnie Dykman that
16 provides a critical trail connection across Woods Road. The parcel is unimproved, has
17 varied topography and contains mostly mature woodland and a small portion of tillable
18 land. The City has plans to annex the parcel in 2019.
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20 Acquisition of the property is a partnership between the County and the City. The
21 purchase price has been established at \$2,000,000 which is also the appraised value of
22 the parcel. The City will provide \$1,500,000 toward the purchase price and the County
23 will provide the remaining \$500,000. The City will hold fee simple title to the property
24 and will grant the County a conservation easement. The City, the IATA and its partners
25 will be responsible for construction and management of the trail.
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27 Funds for the purchase are available in the Conservation Fund. The debt issued to
28 support this expenditure will have a term of 20 years.
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30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and
31 the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the expenditure of \$500,000 for the City's
32 purchase of approximately 40 acres and subsequent conservation easement to the
33 County, according to Wis. Stats Chapter 27.03(3); and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dane County Land & Water Resources
36 Department Director, Real Estate Coordinator, or Acquisition and Planning Specialist are
37 authorized to administer the closing and the acceptance of the above-mentioned
38 easement from the City and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to
39 effectuate the transaction.
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