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2014 RES-518
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE
SUGAR RIVER NATURAL RESOURCE AREA - NEPERUD

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The Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan (POSP) recommends the acquisition of land within the Sugar River Natural Resource Area. The Sugar River is a significant natural and recreational resource that is popular for fishing, canoeing and kayaking. The County seeks to increase access to the river and surrounding lands.

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The Department of Land & Water Resources has recently negotiated the acquisition of a significant stretch of the Sugar River from the Frances Neperud Estate. The acquisition would permanently protect approximately 101 acres south of Paoli having nearly 4,800 feet of river frontage with significant road frontage on Highway 69 for public access. The property is about a mile south of the Falk-Wells Sugar River Wildlife Area purchased from the Bruce Company in 2013.

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The purchase price of \$780,000 is based on a fair market appraisal. The County intends to promote river access as it has in other stretches of the Sugar River and manage the property as a Dane County Wildlife Area.

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Funds for the purchase are available in the Conservation Fund and the Lake Preservation & Renewal Fund. The debt issued to support this expenditure 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 approximately 101 acres from the Frances Neperud Estate for \$780,000 according to Wis. Stats. Chapter 27.05(3) and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the expenditure for this acquisition is hereby authorized in advance of the County's annual borrowing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dane County Clerk and Dane County Executive are authorized to execute documents necessary to maximize cost-sharing from project partners, which may include temporarily vesting land rights to another agency.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Real Estate Coordinator, Real Estate & Acquisition Director, or Acquisition & 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.