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**ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR PHEASANT BRANCH CONSERVANCY RESTORATION**

Dane County purchased 160 acres on the north-end of the Pheasant Branch Conservancy in 2019. The property provides a variety of ecosystem services and expanded recreational access to an incredibly popular but sensitive natural resource area. In 2009, the Wisconsin Wetlands Association identified the Pheasant Branch Conservancy as a “workhorse wetland gem” due to its many connections to surface and groundwater.

Several partners have joined Dane County on the planning and implementation of site restoration. Restoration will significantly reduce stormwater runoff, improve water quality, and provide habitat through a diverse mix of native vegetation.

A high-quality “platinum prairie” with more than 100 plant species per acre, is being established over four years. The first quadrant of platinum prairie was seeded 2021, the second in 2022 and the third in 2023. The following partners will support the fourth quadrant of platinum prairie seeding with financial contributions:

- The Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy will grant \$25,000.
- The Clean Lakes Alliance will grant \$25,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Land & Water Resources Department is authorized to accept funds from the Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy and the Clean Lakes Alliance and the County Executive is authorized to execute agreements, if any, necessary to accept the funds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that \$50,000 is appropriated as additional 2024 revenue in the Land & Water Resources Department, Park Operations, Pheasant Branch Restoration Revenue LWRPKOP 80135 and is credited to the General Fund; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that \$50,000 is transferred from the General Fund to the Land & Water Resources Department, Park Operations, Pheasant Branch Restoration Expense LWRPKOP 20137 and that these funds shall carry forward until expended; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the County Board of Supervisors and County Executive give thanks to the Friends of Pheasant Branch and the Clean Lakes Alliance for supporting the project and for their generous financial contributions.