

AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND FOR DOOR CREEK WILDLIFE AREA

Dane County Land & Water Resources Department (LWRD) recommends the purchase of approximately 128.3 acres of land in the Town of Dunn from the Michael Lee Symons Trust and Cynthia G. Cullen Trust. This parcel is located off of County Highway AB, across from Lower Mud Lake Natural Resource Area and is bordered by the Door Creek Wildlife Area to the east and Fish Camp County Park to the south.

The parcel contains a mix of tillable land in the north, with pasture and a farmstead and a large area of wetlands in the south. Acquisition of the property would extend the wetlands complex to CTH AB expanding wildlife habitat and opportunities for public recreation including hunting. The property would provide needed public access from the west with the opportunity for a parking area. The property also provides options for a Lower Yahara River Trail connection to Fish Camp County Park.

The county's next phase of sediment removal at Door Creek is planned to being in 2024. The property's northern upland will provide a staging area and dewatering site for the project as well as an alternate site if needed, for the current Yahara River sediment removal project.

The seller has agreed on a purchase price of \$925,000 for the property. Funds for the purchase are available in the 2022 Dane County Conservation Fund budget. 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 128.3 acres from the Michael Lee Symons Trust and Cynthia G. Cullen Trust for \$925,000 plus miscellaneous costs according to Wis. Stats. Chapter 27.03(3); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department Director and the Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the closing and the transfer of the above-mentioned property to Dane County, and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.