Sub 1 to RES 2023-040

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF STEWARDSHIP GRANT FUNDING FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE WAUCHEETA CONNECTOR TRAIL

Dane County Parks applied for Department of Natural Resources (Department) Stewardship grant funding in 2022 for development of the Waucheeta Connector Trail. The proposed trail will provide walking and biking connections between Goodland County Park, Capital Springs Centennial State Park, William G. Lunney Lake Farm Park, the Capital City Trail and Lower Yahara River Trail. It will also provide a more bicycle friendly route for cyclists riding from the Capital City Trail to Lalor Road in the Town of Dunn.

In August of 2022 Dane County Parks was notified by the Department that although they were in support of the proposed project, there were insufficient funds available and the grant request was declined. In March of 2023, the Department notified Dane County Parks there was $144,000 of unspent 2022 Stewardship grant funds available for the project.

Construction of trail is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2023. The Department will draft a forthcoming trail easement document that will outline roles and responsibilities for the County to develop, operate and maintain the trail through Capital Springs Centennial State Park lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and County Executive authorize acceptance of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource Stewardship grant funding in the amount of $144,000.

BE IT ~~FURTHER~~ FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Land & Waters Resources Director, Dane County Parks Director and the Parks Planning and Development Manager are authorized to execute documents necessary to submit grant reimbursement requests to the WDNR and the County Executive is authorized to sign the grant agreement.

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive herby authorize the Department to convey an easement to Dane County for the Waucheeta Connector Trail.~~

~~BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a new revenue account CPLWRESC "Lower Yahara River Trail Stewardship Grant" be established for $144,000 and expense account CPLWRESC 57780 Lower Yahara River Trail be increased by $144,000.~~