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AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE YAHARA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT NETWORK

The Yahara Watershed Improvement Network (WINS) is a group of municipalities that have entered into an agreement to use watershed adaptive management to meet their regulatory obligations to reduce the amount of phosphorus they contribute to the Yahara River Watershed.

The regulatory obligations of the WINS municipalities align with Dane County's voluntary efforts to improve water quality throughout the county, which includes a significant portion of the Yahara River Watershed.

Dane County currently provides services to WINS through an agreement that is set to expire in December 2026. A new agreement has been developed to cover a three (3) year period beginning January 2027 and ending in December 2029. The revenue and staffing to support the agreement have been included in the 2027 Land & Water Resources Department budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors approves an agreement with the Yahara Watershed Improvement Network for Adaptive Management services;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the County Executive and the County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Service Agreement.