

**DANE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2015 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Amendment # EANR-3	Supervisor Hendrick Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources, failed 2/3, YGP approved 1/0/1 Page: Land and Water Resources Capital Project Detail Sheet		
Sponsor/Committee:			
Oversight Committee Action:			
Personnel & Finance Action:			
Narrative Page:			
Department:			
Program:			
Motion: (revenue/expenditure/text effect)		Increase operating expenditures in the County Board office by \$40,000 to plan and coordinate restoration of county hydric soils into wetlands.	
Program Effect:			
FTE Effect: -			
Line Item Detail (not required for introduction, attach additional listing if necessary)			
Org	Object	DESCRIPTION:	Amount
	NEW		
		Funding to plan and coordinate restoration of	\$40,000
		county hydric soils into wetlands	
Intent/Justification In Dane County, most hydric soils were once wetlands. They are suitable for agriculture or conservation but not development. In order to survive the effects of climate change, Dane County should be converting some of these lands to wetlands through a county program carried out by contracted expert(s). The Sustainability Coordinator will develop an RFP and contract for one or more experts to work with the Land & Water Resource Department, Planning and Development, and the Public Works & Transportation Department to: (1) Develop a long range vision for restoring the same acreage of wetlands in Dane County as at the time of the Original Survey (not the exact same wetlands but the same acreage); (2) Prioritize restoration areas based on existing knowledge such as a recent report by the Environmental Law Institute and The Nature Conservancy; (3) Conduct a pilot project to restore at least one site with hydric soils into a future wetland; (4) Analyze the option of creating a Dane County or regional wetland mitigation bank as a mechanism for restoring more future wetlands and providing county departments with the possible mitigation for other projects.			
NET GPR EFFECT:		\$40,000	