

AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND A CONSERVATION EASEMENT IN
THE CHEROKEE MARSH NATURAL RESOURCE AREA

Dane County has negotiated the purchase of property in the Cherokee Marsh Natural Resource Area, along the Yahara River. The project includes the acquisition of approximately 53 acres, with an additional approximate 77 acres protected through a conservation easement.

Acquisition of these properties is a recommendation of the *2012-2017 Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan*. In addition to increasing public access to the Yahara River, the acquisition will connect to public lands owned by the WI DNR that have little to no access. The project also offers an opportunity to promote agricultural and rural preservation, as consistent with Dane County Comprehensive Plan, the Village of Waunakee and Town of Westport Comprehensive Plan, and the Village of Deforest Comprehensive Plan.

The purchase price of property and easement is \$1,522,871 (Acreage adjustments pending a final survey of lands south of STH 19 shall be made at \$13,000/acre.) Funds for the project are available in the Lake Preservation & Renewal Fund. 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 County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of land and a conservation easement from Ronald and Heather Treinen and that the land rights be managed under the jurisdiction of the Dane County Park Commission according to Wis. Stats. 27.05(3).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk and County Executive are hereby authorized to execute the described easement and related documents on behalf of Dane County; and

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