

**DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO  
THE NATURAL HERITAGE LAND TRUST (THOMPSON)**

The Natural Heritage Land Trust has applied to the Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Program for financial assistance to purchase approximately 58 acres in the Town of Dane. The property encompasses a tributary of Spring Creek, classified as a Tier 1 stream in the *Dane County Park & Open Space Plan*. The property is also entirely within the boundary of the Lodi Marsh Wildlife Area and State Natural Area which has some of the largest contiguous grasslands in Dane County. This parcel has frontage on County Hwy Y on the northwest edge of Lodi Marsh and is adjacent to 1,211 acres of permanently protected public and land trust owned land.

Lodi Marsh State Wildlife Area is characterized by emergent wetland and grassland habitat surrounded by bluffs and uplands. Preservation of this property will protect critical waters, wetland and grassland habitat. The property will be open to the public year-round for hiking, hunting, trapping, fishing, cross country skiing, bird watching, and nature appreciation.

The project costs for the acquisition total \$174,642. The Dane County Park Commission recommends up to \$92,415 in County matching funds. The remainder of the acquisition costs will be provided by funds from Natural Heritage Land Trust and a grant from the DNR Stewardship Grant Program.

The term of the debt issued to support this expenditure will be 20 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a grant of \$92,415 to the Natural Heritage Land Trust is approved by the Dane County Board and the Dane County Executive and that the County will pay up to the grant amount based on actual project expenses.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Clerk and Dane County Executive are authorized to execute documents necessary to effectuate the grant award, which may include grant agreements, management agreements, and the acceptance of an easement that will vest in Dane County according to Wisc. Stats. 27.05(3), and that the land interests be managed under the jurisdiction of the Dane County Park Commission.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Deputy Director, Real Estate Coordinator, and Acquisition and Planning Specialist are authorized to approve closing and reimbursement documentation for grant projects and the transfer of an easement to Dane County and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transactions authorized through the grant award.