

AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND FOR THE ICE AGE TRAIL JUNCTION
NATURAL RESOURCE AREA

Dane County Land & Water Resources Department recommends the purchase of 20 acres of land in the Town of Verona from Karen Godshall for the Ice Age Trail Junction Natural Resource Area. The property was appraised at \$1,720,000 and Ms. Godshall has offered to sell the property to the county at a bargain sale of \$400,000 and include a right of first refusal on her 80 acres of land to the north.

The property is adjacent to the Madison Area Youth Soccer Association's Reddan Complex and will provide a park land buffer and opportunity for additional access to this highly used recreational facility. The acquisition offers a future gateway to the Ice Age National Scenic Trail and provides an alternate location for the Badger Prairie Community Gardens. The gardens are located along side Badger Mill Creek, off Old PB, and have experienced multiple devastating flooding events over the past few years.

Funds for the purchase are available in the Dane County Conservation 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 the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of 20 acres from Karen Godshall for \$400,000 plus miscellaneous costs and acceptance of a right of first refusal on her 80 acres according to Wis. Stats. Chapter 27.03(3); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department Director and the Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the closing and the transfer of the above-mentioned property to Dane County, and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.