

**DANE COUNTY**  
**POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE**

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Sponsor: Chawla		Resolution No. 2025 RES-090
Vote Required: Majority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Ordinance Amendment No. _____
Two-Thirds _____		3/4 _____

Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:

AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF AN AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST BUY-SELL-PROTECT PROGRAM

**Policy Analysis Statement:**

Brief Description of Proposal -

Dane County will buy a conservation easement on farmland near Prairie Moraine County Park as a tool to make the land affordable to an emerging farmer.

Current Policy or Practice -

Acquisition of real estate interests require County Board and Executive approval.

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

The easement will permanently protect farmland near a county park, making the land more affordable for emerging farmers and while supporting a habitat corridor for pollinators and other wildlife.

**Fiscal Estimate:**

Fiscal Effect (check all that apply) -

- ☐ No Fiscal Effect  
☐ Results in Revenue Increase  
☒ Results in Expenditure Increase  
☐ Results in Revenue Decrease  
☐ Results in Expenditure Decrease

Budget Effect (check all that apply)

- ☒ No Budget Effect  
☐ Increases Rev. Budget  
☐ Increases Exp. Budget  
☐ Decreases Rev. Budget  
☐ Decreases Exp. Budget  
☐ Increases Position Authority  
☐ Decreases Position Authority  
Note: if any budget effect, 2/3 vote is required

**Narrative/Assumptions about long range fiscal effect:**

None

**Expenditure/Revenue Changes:**

	Current Year		Annualized			Current Year		Annualized	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures -					Revenues - County Taxes Federal State Other				
Personal Services									
Operating Expenses									
Contractual Services						\$0			
Capital	\$256,750								
Total	\$256,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:**

NA

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