

AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND FOR MCCARTHY YOUTH AND  
CONSERVATION COUNTY PARK FROM SCARLET BADGER, LLC

Dane County Land & Water Resources Department (LWRD) recommends the purchase of approximately 25.4 acres of land in the Village of Cottage Grove from Scarlet Badger LLC. This parcel is located off CTH N, north of the parcel recently purchased from the Elinor Dushack Revocable Trust, and adjacent to McCarthy Youth and Conservation County Park.

The parcel is mostly cropland and contains some scattered areas of wetland. Ownership of this parcel fills in a piece of the wetland area which will allow the planned wetland restoration for the Park to occur. It will also provide a buffer from planned development along CTH N. An access easement for maintenance use will be provided from County Highway N.

The appraised value of the property is \$600,000 and the seller has agreed on a purchase price of \$550,000 for the property with a \$50,000 donation. Funds for the purchase are available in the 2023 Dane County Conservation Fund budget. 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 approximately 25.4 acres of land from Scarlet Badger for \$550,000 plus miscellaneous costs according to Wis. Stats. Chapter 27.03(3); and

**BE IT FINALLY 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 and easement to Dane County, and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.