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DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD
TO THE VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND – ZIRKEL

The Village of McFarland has applied to the Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Program for financial assistance for the acquisition of a residential property on Bashford Street from Michael Zirkel in order to connect a small gap in the Lower Yahara River Trail. The property currently contains a duplex which sits close to the front property line, only allowing for a 5 foot wide sidewalk which does not meet the standards for two-way trail traffic. The Village's acquisition of this property would provide the opportunity to raze the building and install a 10 foot wide trail which would meet the minimum standards and address safety concerns. In addition to the trail, the Village plans to install a trailhead which may include a shelter, restroom, kiosks and bicycle racks.

The estimated project costs for the acquisition are \$369,100. The Village has requested a 50% Dane County Conservation Fund grant. The remaining project costs will be covered by the Village. The Dane County Park Commission recommends granting up to 50% of project costs of \$184,550.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a grant of up to \$184,550 to the Village of McFarland 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 Director and Real Estate Coordinator, 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.