

2025 RES - 091
DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD
TO THE VILLAGE OF BELLEVILLE

The Village of Belleville has applied to the Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Program for financial assistance for the acquisition of land within the Sugar River Natural Resources Area from JGP Land Development LLC. The Village is planning an expansive trail network that would connect local trails to its 135 acres of conservancy land along the Sugar River corridor, including its Community Park at Lake Belle View and existing Eagle Loop Trail. The proposed acquisition would serve as a trailhead to access these public lands that provide natural resource educational opportunities and recreational activities including hiking, biking, birdwatching, fishing and kayaking to the public.

Plans for the trailhead include a park shelter, bicycle racks, a playground and native planting area. Signage at the trailhead and throughout the planned trail corridor will provide educational information regarding urban forestry, conservation, wildlife and the Sugar River watershed.

The estimated project costs for the acquisition are \$208,600. The Village will fund 25% of the project costs and a WI DNR Knowles Nelson Stewardship grant will provide approximately 50% of the costs. The Dane County Park Commission recommends granting the remaining 25% of costs, up to \$52,200 in County matching funds.

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 \$52,200 to the Village of Belleville 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.