

DANE COUNTY
POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE

☒ Original	☐ Update	Substitute No. _____
Sponsor: Downing		Resolution No. 2025 RES-245
Vote Required: Majority ☒		Ordinance Amendment No. _____
Two-Thirds _____		3/4 _____

Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:

DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO THE NATURE CONSERVANCY (MCMEEN TRUST)

Policy Analysis Statement:

Brief Description of Proposal -

Provide a conservation fund grant to the Natural Conservancy to permanently protect 36 acres in the the Military Ridge Prairie Heritage Area and the Southwest Grasslands. The County receives an ownership interest in properties that receive conservation fund grant funding.

Current Policy or Practice -

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

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

An additional 36 acres identified in the Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan will be permanently protected.

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:

Expenditure/Revenue Changes:

	Current Year		Annualized			Current Year		Annualized	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures -					Revenues -				
Personal Services	\$0				County Taxes				
Operating Expenses	\$0				Federal	\$0			
Contractual Services	\$0				State				
Capital	\$221,000				Other				
Total	\$221,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:

NA

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