

1 **SUB _____ TO 2023 RES-320 (PROPOSED – CHAWLA)**

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3 **PLACING WARNING SIGNS AT ALL STORM WATER RETENTION BASINS**
4 **ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY**

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6 There are storm water retention basins, also known as retention ponds, throughout Dane
7 County, including on county-owned property. There are 21 storm water retention basins with
8 permanent pools of water on county property located in parks, the landfill, Alliant Energy Center,
9 and the East Campus.

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11 Storm water retention basins hold and distribute rain runoff, which in turn prevents flooding.
12 They are often landscaped with a variety of grasses, shrubs, and/or wetland plants to provide
13 bank stability.

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15 Any body of water has the potential to be dangerous. Clearly marking storm water retention
16 basins, in symbols and words in multiple languages, is a safety measure.

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18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Dane County staff shall have discretion to place
19 warning signage, in symbols and words in multiple languages, at all select storm water retention
20 basins on county-owned property.

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22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Capital Budget be amended to increase account
23 CPFACMGT NEW “Retention Pond Signage” by \$15,000 and decrease account CPFACMGT
24 57422 “Courthouse Roof Rigging System” by \$15,000.

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26 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors encourages all Dane
27 County municipalities to include one or more of the following features for storm water retention
28 basin safety, which were introduced recently for inclusion in State of Wisconsin Statutes
29 (creating Wis. Stat. 283.33 (8m)):

- 30 (a) A shallow ledge around the periphery of the pond
31 (b) Vegetation that is not less than 24 inches high between the pond and any
32 easy point of access
33 (c) Any other alternative safety feature deemed effective.