

**AUTHORIZING 2026 PURCHASE OF SERVICES AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM
WITH OPERATION FRESH START INC FOR COMPLETING CONSERVATION WORK
ON COUNTY PARKLAND**

Dane County Parks first entered into a Purchase of Services Agreement with Operation Fresh Start, Inc. in 2014 to provide and supervise conservation crews to perform land restoration and habitat enhancement work on Dane County parkland, while participants learn valuable natural resource and park management skills in an outdoor setting.

In 2021, Dane County Parks entered into an additional Purchase of Services Agreement to add a conservation academy crew. This crew performs land restoration and habitat enhancement work at a higher skill level, including chainsaw use and assistance with prescribed burns, as appropriate and authorized.

Dane County Parks would like to continue this arrangement for both the legacy crew and the Conservation Academy crew in 2026 under a new Purchase of Services Agreement, with a total budget of \$198,800. Sufficient funds are available in the 2026 Land and Water Resources Department – Parks Division operating budget.

In addition, Dane County Parks received USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) grant funding for 2024–2028. One of the grant-funded initiatives expands the scope of Operation Fresh Start crews working on parkland to include hands-on experience in urban forestry management.

Dane County Parks would like to continue the Purchase of Services Agreement for this IRA grant work through Addendum 15749A for 2026, with a total budget of \$150,000. These grant funds are currently available in the 2026 LWRD – Parks Division operating budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors approves the execution of a new Purchase of Services Agreement with Operation Fresh Start, Inc. for the legacy and conservation academy crews;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors approves the execution of Addendum 15749A for IRA grant-funded urban forestry work;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that account LWRPKOP 21053 Friends of the Park be decreased by \$33,000 and account LWRPKOP 31985 POS-Fresh Start Youth Conservation be increased by \$33,000;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Executive and the County Clerk are authorized to sign the Agreement and Addendum on behalf of Dane County.