

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

LAND CONSERVATION COMM.
INITIATED BY

LAND CONSERVATION COMM.
SUBMITTED BY



THOMAS SWEENEY
DRAFTED BY

APRIL 21, 2010
DATE DRAFTED

Amending the Land Conservation Department Budget to Commence Implementation of the Restoration Project Located at the Hwy 51 County Campus

1 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department was allocated \$905,988.00 of American Transmission
2 Company (ATC) Environmental Impact Fees; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, as part of the allocation, the Land Conservation Committee requested that a portion of this
5 fund be allocated for a restoration project of county owned property at the County Campus; and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department contacted the Wisconsin Youth Conservation Corps to
8 submit a project proposal in February 2010 for the restoration of the north 5.1 acres of the property in
9 question; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Conservation Corps has submitted a project proposal that meets the
12 restoration plan description of an oak savanna; and,
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department and the Extension Service has agreed on a plan to
15 restore the 3.8 acre abandoned crop field, located on the south east corner of the property, to an open
16 prairie; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, the remaining portion of the restoration project, 4.8 acres, will commence in 2011; and,
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20 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Committee recommends that \$10,000.00 of the LCD ATC
21 allocation be transferred to the Land Conservation Department account to offset the costs associated with
22 this project.
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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
25 this _____ day of _____, 2010, hereby amends the Land Conservation Department's budget as
26 follows:
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<u>A/C DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET AT</u> <u>5/1/2010</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF</u> <u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<u>Source of Funds:</u>			
62-6351-0000-47000/ Transfer In	- 0 -	10,000	10,000
<u>Use of Funds:</u>			
62-6351-0000-62119/ Contracted Services	- 0 -	4,400	4,400
62-6351-0000-64900/ Other Supplies and Expenses	- 0 -	5,600	5,600

10-5A-028

Respectfully Submitted:


LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT



Richard Bostwick, Chair


Reviewed and approved on a vote of
5-0.



Larry Wiedenfeld, Vice Chair

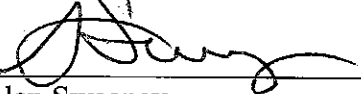

Mary Mawhinney, Chair



Eva Arnold


Ronald Combs


Robert Fizzell



Katie Kuznac


Alan Sweeney


James Quade

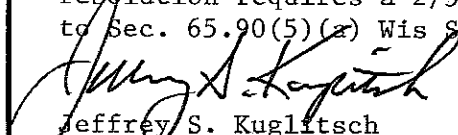
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes a Transfer In of \$10,000 from Land Conservation's share of the ATC Fees received on December 19, 2008. The balance in Land Conservation's share of the ATC Fees, A/C 00-0000-0019-29638, at April 12, 2010 was \$876,575.29.


Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to Sec(s) 59.01, 59.51 and 59.52(6) Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2010 County Budget, this resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to Sec. 65.90(5)(a) Wis Stats.


Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The restoration project is centered on a parcel of land owned by the county, located at the Hwy 51 County Campus. The property in question has been idled for a very long period of time. The property has become an area for terrestrial invasive species to take a strong hold. In 2008, County Administration requested the Land Conservation Department to formulate a plan to restore the property to an oak savanna and open prairie. The restoration plan calls for the removal of all invasive species and planting of native plant materials. The Wisconsin Youth Conservation Corps was contacted in January 2010 to request a proposal for a portion of the project. The Corps will focus their efforts on the northern 5.1 acres. Efforts will be concentrated on the removal and suppression of invasive species, primarily Common Buckthorn and Honeysuckle. All trees, which are not oak, will also be removed. All stumps will be ground and all plant material removed will be chipped and utilized in the construction of a trail network. After the removal of the invasive species, the LCD will treat the site with a broad-spectrum herbicide to control the remaining plant material. The site will be spot treated as needed for the remainder of the summer. The LCD will fall seed the site with a native seed mixture that is developed for an oak savanna site and predominant soil conditions.

The open prairie area will be located in the southeastern area of the property. Extension service will plant this area to soybeans in the spring of 2010 and after the harvest, the LCD will fall seed a native seed mix for an open prairie.

The final 4.8 acres of the project area will be addressed in 2011.