

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Land Conservation Committee
INITIATED BY

Land Conservation Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Thomas Sweeney
DRAFTED BY

August 7, 2017
DATE DRAFTED

AMENDING THE LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO ALLOW FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF GYPSY MOTH PROGRAM FUND BALANCE

1 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department has been notified by the City of Beloit that their Urban
2 Forestry program priorities have changed from the Gypsy Moth Suppression Program to tree removal due
3 to mortality by the Emerald Ash Borer; and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, the City of Beloit has requested that their prorated funds from the Gypsy Moth Suppression
6 Fund Balance be reimbursed to assist with their funding for the tree removal in the urban landscape; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the City of Beloit was a primary contributor to the Gypsy Moth Program fund balance to
9 assure that funding was available for the suppression program, even if federal grants were not; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department determined the prorated amount due back to the City of
12 Beloit based on program costs, federal grants received, the amount of funding the City of Beloit
13 contributed, and the balance of the fund; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department needs to amend their 2017 budget to accommodate this
16 request. The current budget does not include the budgetary authority to expend costs associated with the
17 reimbursement.
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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
20 this 14th day of September, 2017, authorizes the Land Conservation Committee to reimburse
21 the City of Beloit the appropriate amount owed from the Gypsy Moth Program Fund Balance; and,
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23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Land Conservation Department's budget be amended as
24 follows:

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>1/1/17</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
62-6340-0000-46400 Fund Balance	\$1,000	\$3,554	\$4,554
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
62-6340-0000-62119 Other Contracted Services	\$2,000	\$3,554	\$5,554


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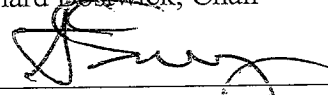
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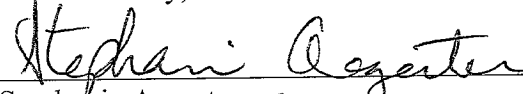
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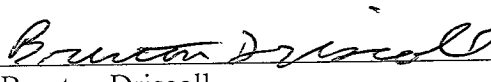
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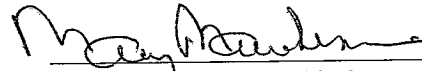

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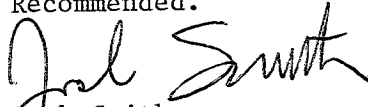
FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT:

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 4-0.


Mary Mawhinney, Chair Date

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Josh Smith
County Administrator

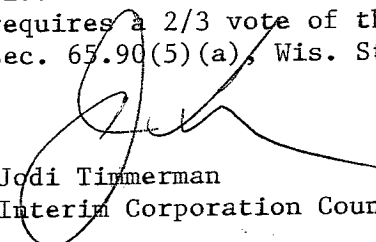
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes a payment to the City of Beloit for a portion of the Gypsy Moth Suppression Program fund balance. The estimated 2017 fund balance is \$8,604.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2017 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.


Jodi Timmerman
Interim Corporation Counsel

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Executive Summary

The City of Beloit has requested reimbursement from the Gypsy Moth Suppression program fund balance in the sum of \$3,553.48. A fund balance was established for this program to assure appropriate funding was available even if federal grants were not available or were not at 100% of the program costs. Due to the Emerald Ash Borer's presence in the urban area of Beloit, the City is experiencing an extremely high Ash Tree mortality rate, which in turn has put a financial stress on the Urban Forestry Budget. All infected ash trees on City owned property need to be removed.

The Gypsy Moth program commenced during 2005, with the first aerial spraying completed in May of 2006. The program continues today with staff from the Land Conservation Department mainly working with private landowner groups outside the first infected areas of the City of Beloit and Town of Beloit. Fund balances continue to fund staff to inventory infected areas to assure the population of this pest remains at a very low level so reinfection of urban and suburban areas doesn't occur.