

**AMENDED:  
9/5/17**



**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 7:15 P.M.  
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
440 N US HWY 14  
JANESVILLE WI**

**AGENDA**

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes – August 2, 2017.
4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.
5. Review Bills Paid.
6. Resolution: Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application for the 2018 Clean Sweep Program.
7. Resolution: Amending the Land Conservation Department Budget to Allow for Reimbursement of Gypsy Moth Program Fund Balance.
8. Farmland Preservation Program – Approve Notice of Non-participation.
9. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – Approval of 15 year Agreements.
10. Groundwater Nitrate Initiative Workgroup – Update.
11. Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program –
  - A. ATC Environmental Impact Fee Funding the PACE Program – Discussion.
  - B. Extending the PACE Program Signup Deadline for the 2017-2018 Program.**
  - C. Program Update.
12. Adjourn.

**COMMITTEE REVIEW REPORT**  
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2017

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Check Date	Vendor Name	Inv/Enc Amt
62-6200-0000-63100	OFC SUPP & EXP				
		P1700811	08/31/2017	MENARDS	(33.21)
62-6200-0000-63200	PUBL/SUBCR/DUES				
		P1702172	08/03/2017	WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES	8.97
62-6200-0000-64200	TRAINING EXP				
		P1702181	08/03/2017	GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION	15.00
62-6200-0000-64201	CONVENTION EXP				
		P1702181	08/03/2017	GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION	15.00
				<b>LAND CONSERVATION PROG TOTAL</b>	<b>5.76</b>
62-6210-0000-64316	TREE PLANTING				
		P1700811	08/31/2017	MENARDS	70.90
				<b>TREE PLANTING PROG TOTAL</b>	<b>70.90</b>
62-6225-0000-62119	OTHER SERVICES				
		P1700297	08/03/2017	USDA APHIS GENERAL	1,106.89
				<b>WILDLIFE DAMAGE/ASSMTS. PROG TOTAL</b>	<b>1,106.89</b>
62-6280-0000-64928	COST SHARING				
		P1702193	08/03/2017	PAKES, MICHAEL	1,929.20
		P1702220	08/10/2017	ROCK PRAIRIE FARMS LLC	7,049.43
		P1702222	08/10/2017	ROCK PRAIRIE FARMS LLC	577.84
		P1702367	08/31/2017	NELSON FAMILY FARMS LLC	1,500.00
				<b>LWC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROG TOTAL</b>	<b>11,056.47</b>
62-6300-0000-62119	OTHER SERVICES				
		P1702178	08/03/2017	VEOLIA ES TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS	10,587.04
62-6300-0000-64918	ADVERTISING				
		P1702249	08/17/2017	ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING LLC	207.00
				<b>HOUSEHOLD CLEAN SWEEP PROG TOTAL</b>	<b>10,794.04</b>
62-6350-0000-62101	APPRAISAL FEES				
		P1702182	08/03/2017	PRECISION APPRAISAL AND REAL E	3,500.00
62-6350-0000-63110	ADMIN. EXPENSE				
		P1702196	08/03/2017	BRABAZON TITLE ESCROW ACCOUNT	30.00
62-6350-0000-67161	CA \$5,000/MORE				
		P1702196	08/03/2017	BRABAZON TITLE ESCROW ACCOUNT	123,650.00
				<b>PDR/PACE PROG TOTAL</b>	<b>127,180.00</b>

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I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total    \$150,214.06

Date:    Dept \_\_\_\_\_

Committee \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION**

**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Land Conservation Committee  
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney  
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

August 8, 2017  
DATE DRAFTED

**AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION  
FOR THE 2018 CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Committee has identified the need to support a Clean  
2 Sweep Program for 2018; and,  
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Committee wishes to submit an application to the  
5 Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for the sponsorship of a  
6 Clean Sweep Program; and,  
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8 **WHEREAS**, The Land Conservation Department last received a grant from DATCP for  
9 sponsorship of this Clean Sweep Program in 2017; and,  
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11 **WHEREAS**, The Land Conservation Department will act as the agent for the project and will  
12 maintain all records and submit reports in accordance with the program guidelines and grant  
13 requirements; and,  
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15 **WHEREAS**, a resolution authorizing the sponsorship of this project is required as a condition  
16 of the application process.  
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18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Rock County Board of Supervisors duly  
19 assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 does hereby authorize the Rock County Land  
20 Conservation Committee to submit an application to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture,  
21 Trade, and Consumer Protection for sponsorship of the 2018 Clean Sweep Program, and,  
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23 **HEREBY AUTHORIZES** the Land Conservation Committee to act on behalf of Rock County  
24 for purposes of entering into an agreement for the project, sign documents and take necessary  
25 action to undertake, direct, and complete the project in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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Rich Bostwick, Chair

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Brenton Driscoll

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Alan Sweeney, Vice Chair

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Kara Hawes

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Stephanie Aegerter

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James Quade, USDA-FSA Rep.

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Wes Davis

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Jeremy Zajac

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SWEEP PROGRAM

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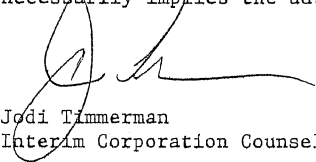
This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and therefore has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.



Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

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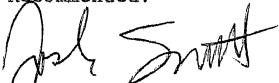
The Authority to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.



Jodi Timmerman  
Interim Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith  
County Administrator

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This resolution authorizes the Rock County Land Conservation Committee to submit an application to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection for the sponsorship of the Clean Sweep Program in 2018. The Land Conservation Committee sponsored the last Clean Sweep Program in 2017.

The Clean Sweep Program provides landowners, small businesses, and units of government an opportunity to dispose of chemicals in a safe manner. Chemicals banned from disposal in the landfill system will be collected through this program. Also, this program allows businesses that are considered Very Small Quantity Generators to pay for the services and dispose of chemicals used in their businesses. All units of government, from schools to cities, will have this option made available to them.

The applications for the 2018 program year will be released in early fall 2017. The actual dates for release and return have not been set by DATCP as of the writing of this resolution.

This program has a grant limit equal to 75% of the costs of the proposed project. The County may match the 25% requirement with cash and/or services provided by Staff for the activities associated with this event. Rock County will develop a grant application for the maximum grant allowed. A majority of these expenses will be incurred through in-kind services provided by the Land Conservation Department.

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**RESOLUTION**

**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Land Conservation Committee  
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney  
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Committee  
SUBMITTED 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 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>Increase</u>	<u>Amended</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>1/1/17</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Budget</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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Respectfully submitted,

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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Jeremy Zajac

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT:

Reviewed and approved on a vote of

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Mary Mawhinney, Chair

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Date


ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

  
Josh Smith  
County Administrator

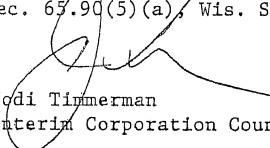
FISCAL NOTE:

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.