

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-90-S

RESOLUTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$379,358.94 TO HYSLOP FOUNDATION, INC. OR ROOT-PIKE WATERSHED INITIATIVE NETWORK, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, PRESERVING, AND PROTECTING A 20.66-ACRE OLD GROWTH FORESTED WETLAND AND WOODLAND WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PLEASANT KNOWN AS CAMPBELL WOODS, AND AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO A CONDITIONAL GRANT OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND DECLARATION OF COVENANT

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, environmental corridors are areas in the landscape containing especially high value natural, scenic, historic, scientific, and recreational features; and

WHEREAS, environmental corridors are in effect a composite of the best remaining elements of the natural resource base; protection and proper management of the resources found within them helps prevent serious environmental problems; and

WHEREAS, within the Village of Mount Pleasant, there exists a 20.66-acre old growth forested wetland and woodland known as Campbell Woods, Parcel ID 151032236107000; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission ("SEWRPC") regional land use plan recommends that steps be taken by county and local governments to preserve and protect important concentrations of remaining natural resources such as Campbell Woods; and

WHEREAS, Campbell Woods is located within a secondary environmental corridor, and has been identified as an area proposed for conservation by a nonprofit conservation organization within *A Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Mount Pleasant: 2050*; and

WHEREAS, Racine County recognizes the importance of the restoration and preservation of Campbell Woods in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, certain non-profit organizations dedicated to protecting, maintaining, and restoring local habitats, such as the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network ("Root-Pike WIN") and the Hyslop Foundation, Inc, also known as Hawthorn Hollow, have approached the Village of Mount Pleasant and Racine County with a plan and proposal to acquire, restore, and preserve Campbell Woods in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of that plan, the Village and County desire to contribute equal shares of financial assistance -- \$379,358.94 each -- necessary to assist Hyslop Foundation, Inc. or Root-Pike WIN to acquire a 13.320 acre portion of Campbell Woods which shall be the subject of a Conditional Grant of Conservation Easement and Declaration of Covenant; and

WHEREAS, the remaining 6.895 acre portion of Campbell Woods will be the subject of a 10-year lease by Hyslop Foundation, Inc. or Root-Pike WIN, with an exclusive option to purchase, and shall also be incorporated into the Conditional Grant of Conservation Easement and Declaration of Covenant; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, Root-Pike WIN is committed to seek additional grant funding to install non-  
5 paved trails, remove invasive species from the property, and ensure the long-term health of the  
6 entirety of Campbell Woods.

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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors  
9 that \$379,358.94 in funding and financial assistance to Hyslop Foundation, Inc. or Root-Pike  
10 Watershed Initiative Network, Inc., as set forth in Exhibit "A," is authorized and approved subject  
11 to the following contingencies:

- 12 • The Village of Mount Pleasant authorizes and commits \$379,358.94 in funding and  
13 financial assistance to Hyslop Foundation, Inc. or Root-Pike WIN;
- 14 • The Village of Mount Pleasant divides Parcel ID 151032236107000 into two lots: (1)  
15 Lot 1 contains 6.895 acres on which Hyslop Foundation, Inc. or Root-Pike WIN shall  
16 hold a 10-year lease with an exclusive option to purchase for \$399,580.00; and (2)  
17 Lot 2 contains the remaining 13.320 acres, which Hyslop Foundation, Inc. or Root-  
18 Pike WIN shall purchase using funds donated by the Village of Mount Pleasant and  
19 Racine County; and
- 20 • Racine County, Village of Mount Pleasant, and Hyslop Foundation, Inc. or Root-Pike  
21 WIN enter into a Conditional Grant of Conservation Easement and Declaration of  
22 Covenant, a draft of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B," which shall cover both  
23 lots in perpetuity, protecting some of the last remaining old growth forest in Racine  
24 County from development and allowing public access for passive recreational use  
25 only, including non-paved trails and a small area for park access.

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that any two  
27 of the County Clerk, the County Executive, and/or the Racine County Board Chairman are  
28 authorized to execute any contracts, agreements, amendments, or other documents, including,  
29 but not limited to a Memorandum of Understanding by and between Racine County and the  
30 Village of Mount Pleasant and a Conditional Grant of Conservation Easement and Declaration  
31 of Covenants by and between the Hyslop Foundation, Inc. or Root-Pike WIN, Racine County,  
32 and the Village of Mount Pleasant, necessary to carry out the intent of the resolution, subject to  
33 any changes deemed necessary and appropriate by the Corporation Counsel and the Finance  
34 Director.

35 Respectfully submitted,

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37 1st Reading \_\_\_\_\_ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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39 2nd Reading \_\_\_\_\_

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41 BOARD ACTION \_\_\_\_\_  
42 Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas E. Roanhouse, Chairman

43 For \_\_\_\_\_

44 Against \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Kramer, Vice-Chairman

45 Absent \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert N. Miller, Secretary

5 VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 M.E.

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7 Prepared by:  
8 Corporation Counsel

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Jason Eckman

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Robert D. Grove

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Tom Hincz

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Donald J. Trottier

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Melissa Kaprelian

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Scott Maier

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Fabi Maldonado

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28 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of**  
29 **Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

30 **Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

31 **Vetoed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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33 **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_,

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36 **Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive**

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE	TRANSFER	BUDGET AFTER TRANSFER	BALANCE AFTER TRANSFER
<b>GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY</b>						
CONTINGENT EXPENSE	15900000.515500	1,888,190	1,888,190	(379,359)	1,508,831	1,508,831
	<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>			<b>(379,359)</b>		
<b>CULTURAL ACTIVITIES</b>						
CONTRACTED SERVICES	15600000.404500.New Project	0	0	379,359	379,359	379,359
	<b>TOTAL USES</b>			<b>379,359</b>		
				<b>0</b>		

The proceeds from the sale of a 39.490-acre tract at Braun Road and Green Bay Road (STH 31) were moved to the General Fund contingency account at the close of the 2021 fiscal year. The sale proceeds were \$1,407,511 and were authorized by resolution 2019-120.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

After reviewing the Resolution/Ordinance and fiscal information supplied, your Finance Committee recommends FOR--AGAINST adoption.  
REASONS

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