

1 **COMM ITEM #4**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-XX**

March 26, 2024

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5 **RESOLUTION BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PLANNING**
6 **COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT A GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF**
7 **CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ROOT-PIKE WATERSHED**
8 **INITIATIVE NETWORK FOR AN URBAN AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY**
9 **CONSERVATION PROJECT AT THE RACINE COUNTY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND**
10 **CARE CENTER**

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

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14 **WHEREAS**, the National Association of Conservation Districts (“NACD”) is a 501(c)(3)
15 nonprofit association that works to help manage and protect land and water resources on
16 private and public lands in the United States; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, as the national voice for all conservation districts, NACD supports voluntary,
19 incentive-driven natural resource conservation programs that benefits all citizens, including
20 through administration of the NACD Urban and Community Conservation Grant Initiative which
21 is designed to enhance urban agriculture conservation technical assistance activities in
22 developed and developing areas of both urban and rural communities; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, NACD provides innovative planning and implementation grants for up to
25 \$60,000 to support urban agriculture and community conservation; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network (“RPW”) intends to partner with the
28 Racine County Land and Water Conservation Department for an NACD implementation grant to
29 plan, design, install and maintain a specialty micro-farm at the Youth Development and Care
30 Center (“YDCC”); and

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32 **WHEREAS**, the creation of this harvestable micro-farm will enable residents and
33 community groups access to native plants for pollinator habitat and roadside water
34 contamination mitigation, and education and

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36 **WHEREAS**, the operation of the micro-farm will teach beneficial skills to youth residents
37 within the YDCC, will ultimately save Racine County expenses for road and highway
38 maintenance, and provide opportunity for public buildings to be beautified while increasing
39 environmental stewardship through pollinator habitat creation, and

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41 **WHEREAS**, the Racine County Land and Water Conservation Committee has reviewed
42 and supports the proposal to apply for an NACD Urban and Community Conservation Grant.

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44 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors
45 that Racine County authorizes the Racine County Land and Water Conservation Committee to
46 submit a grant proposal to the National Association of Conservation Districts in partnership with
47 the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network for an urban agriculture and community
48 conservation project at the Racine County Youth Development and Care Center.

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51 Respectfully submitted,

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53 1st Reading _____

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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Robert D. Grove, Chairman

Jason Eckman, Vice-Chairman

BOARD ACTION
Adopted _____
For _____
Against _____
Absent _____

Tom Kramer

Taylor Wishau

Vote Required Majority

Prepared by: _____
Corporation Counsel Olga White

Tom Rutkowski

Greg Horeth

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

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

Date: _____,

Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive

INFORMATION ONLY

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that NACD will provide a Memorandum of Agreement – one
(1) year term – upon announcement of successful proposals; and

WHEREAS, to receive grant funds if and upon successful award, Racine County must
authorize via separate legislative action entry into the Memorandum of Agreement and a match
of 25% of funds awarded through in-kind or cash matches.