

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-99

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1st Reading _____

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4 Robert D. Grove, Chairman

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6 Jason Eckman, Vice-Chairman

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8 BOARD ACTION

9 Adopted _____
10 For _____
11 Against _____
12 Absent _____

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14 Tom Kramer

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16 Taylor Wishau

17 Vote Required Majority

18 Prepared by:
19 Corporation Counsel

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21 Olga White

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23 Tom Rutkowski

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25 Greg Horeth

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

28 Approved: _____

29 Vetoed: _____

30 Date: _____,

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32 Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive

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34 INFORMATION ONLY

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

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