

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-58**

**RESOLUTION BY THE FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS AND RACINE COUNTY TO ACCEPT THE URBAN AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY CONSERVATION GRANT FOR \$60,000 TO BE UTILIZED AT THE RACINE COUNTY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND CARE CENTER MICRO-NURSERY, AND TRANSFER OF \$15,000 WITHIN THE 2024 PWDS BUDGET.**

**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, 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 and accept the NACD Urban and Community Conservation Grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Racine County Finance and Human Resource Committee to approve the MOA with the NACD in partnership with the RPW for an urban agriculture and community conservation project at the Racine County Youth Development and Care Center Micro-Nursery is approved subject to a duly authorized resolution of the Racine County Board of Supervisors approving the same.

Respectfully submitted,

**RACINE COUNTY FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE**

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

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Don Trottier, Chairman

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Robert Miller, Vice-Chairman

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Jody Spencer, Secretary

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**INFORMATION ONLY**

**WHEREAS**, NACD has provided a Memorandum of Agreement – one (1) year term – upon announcement of this successful proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, to receive \$60,000 in grant funds upon this successful award, Racine County must approve the Memorandum of Agreement and a match of 25% of funds awarded through in-kind or cash matches.

EXHIBIT "A"

Fiscal Year: **2024**

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE	TRANSFER	BUDGET AFTER TRANSFER	BALANCE AFTER TRANSFER
<b>LAND CONSERVATION GRANTS</b>						
Land Conservation Vendor Grants	160921.325000.new project	0	0	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)
YDCC - Expenses	33100030.400000	39,066,795		(15,000)	39,051,795	(15,000)
	<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>			<b>(75,000)</b>		
<b>LAND CONSERVATION GRANTS</b>						
Contracted Services	160921.404500.new project	0	0	60,000	60,000	60,000
Contracted Services Match	160921.404500.new project	0	0	15,000	(15,000)	15,000
	<b>TOTAL USES</b>			<b>75,000</b>		
				<u>0</u>		

GRANT PERIOD IS TO START WHEN SIGNED AND EXPIRE NOVEMBER 15, 2025

NACD FUNDED \$60,000 WITH A COUNTY MATCH \$15,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

**REASONS**

FOR	AGAINST