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3 RESOLUTION BY THE RACINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND
4 USE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT A ROOT RIVER WATERSHED
5 RESTORATION AND FLOOD MITIGATION PLAN
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8 TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS of the Racine County Board of
9 Supervisors:

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11 WHEREAS, The Root River Watershed covers approximately
12 197.6 square miles in Southeast Wisconsin, with approximately
13 123.66 square miles, or 62.63 percent, of the watershed located
14 within Racine County;

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16 WHEREAS, The Root River Watershed lies within portions of
17 the City of Racine, the Villages of Caledonia, Mt. Pleasant and
18 Union Grove, and the Towns of Dover, Norway, Raymond and
19 Yorkville;

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21 WHEREAS, The Root River Watershed has limited fishery and
22 recreational opportunities due to poor water quality, the
23 impediment of the Horlick Dam, as well as erosion and
24 sedimentation that has been exacerbated by urban development
25 spanning decades;

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27 WHEREAS, The economic impacts of poor water quality and
28 limited recreational opportunities such as swimming, boating and
29 fishing are significant in this urban area of Southeast
30 Wisconsin;

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32 WHEREAS, The Root River Watershed in Racine County has also
33 experienced repetitive flood events and related property damage;

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35 WHEREAS, Various planning efforts have been undertaken in
36 the past 45 years for the Root River Watershed, along with
37 restoration projects to help alleviate and control erosion,
38 sedimentation and pollution in Racine County with the goal of
39 improving Lake Michigan water quality;

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41 THEREFORE, it is resolved that the Racine County Board of
42 Supervisors and municipal leaders in Racine County will work
43 towards securing resources to create a plan that offers
44 realistic solutions to the issues of restoration and flood
45 mitigation in the Root River Watershed, that will improve water
46 quality, including phosphorus reductions, and provide the
47 citizens of and visitors to Racine County with a renewed and
48 exceptional recreational area for activities such as fishing,
49 swimming and boating.

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51 BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors
52 that the Racine County Clerk is directed to transmit duplicate
53 copies of this resolution by registered mail to the City,
54 Village and Town Clerks named in this Resolution within seven
55 (7) days after this resolution is adopted.

4 Respectfully submitted,

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6 1st Reading _____

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE
PLANNING COMMITTEE

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8 2nd Reading _____

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10 BOARD ACTION

Robert D. Grove, Chairman

11 Adopted _____

12 For _____

13 Against _____

14 Absent _____

Mark M. Gleason, Vice-Chairman

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16 VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

Joseph F. Bellante, Jr., Secretary

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18 Prepared by:
19 Planning & Development Dept.

Thomas Pringle

Monte Osterman

David Cooke

Ronald Molnar

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

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34 Approved: _____

35 Vetoed: _____

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37 Date: _____,

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40 William L. McReynolds, County Executive

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SURFACE WATER WITHIN THE ROOT RIVER WATERSHED: 2000

