



Amended
Walworth County
Land Conservation Committee Meeting
Monday, December 19, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Land Use and Resource
Management Department

Walworth County Government Center
County Board Room 114
Elkhorn, WI 53121

Dan Kilkenny – Chair, Jerry Grant - Vice Chair
Randy Hawkins - Supervisor

Sue Bellman – USDA/FSA Representative, Dorothy C. Burwell – Citizen Member

(Posted in Compliance with Sec. 19.84 Wis. Stats.)

It is possible that a quorum of the County Board or a committee of the County Board could be in attendance.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2011 LCC Meeting
5. Public Comment
6. WLWCA Conference Report – Dorothy Burwell
7. WLWCA/WALCE Draft Letter to Scott Walker re: DATCP Budget lapses (response due December 12, 2011) – Louise Olson (enclosure, page 1)
8. Resolution related to allocation of 2012 DATCP Staffing Grants/Support of Conservation Funding – Dorothy Burwell (enclosure, pages 2-4)
9. Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Re-application – Louise Olson (enclosures, pages 5-12)
10. Letter Regarding the Lake District County Representative Ordinance – Dorothy Burwell (enclosure, page 13)
11. Communication from DNR Regarding Land Acquisition in Town of East Troy for Recreation and Public Recreational Purposes (County Board Referral) – Michael Cotter (enclosure, page 14)
12. Next meeting date: Monday, January 16, 2012, 1:30 p.m.
13. Adjournment

Submitted by: Michael P. Cotter, Director, Land Use and Resource Management Department, Louise Olson, Deputy Director, Land Conservation Committee Designee

Posted: December 15, 2011

Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

MINUTES

Monday, October 17, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Walworth County Board Room 114
Elkhorn, WI 53121

The meeting was called to order by LCC Vice-Chair Grant at 1:30 p.m.

Roll call - Committee members present included: Supervisors, Grant, Hawkins, USDA/FSA Representative Bellman and Citizen Member Burwell. Supervisor Kilkenny was absent, excused. A quorum was declared.

County staff present – David Bretl, County Administrator; Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use & Resource Management (LURM); Louise Olson, Deputy Director, LURM; Matt Weidensee, Associate Planner; Neal Frauenfelder, Sr. Planner; and Joeann Douglas, Recording Secretary.

Also in attendance –. Nancy Russell, Walworth County Board Chair; David Terrall, USDA Wildlife Services.

Approval of the Agenda – **Supervisor Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded approval of the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of the Minutes – **Supervisors Hawkins and USDA/FSA Representative Bellman moved and seconded approval of the September 19, 2011 LCC meeting minutes. Motion carried 4-0.**

Public Comment – none

USDA Wildlife Abatement Program, Wildlife Program Budget and Crop Approvals – David Terrall, handed out copies of the 2011 Crop Price Proposal for Walworth County and the 2012 Walworth WDACP Preliminary Budget. After discussion, **Supervisor Hawkins and USDA/FSA Representative Bellman moved and seconded approval of the crop price proposals as presented. Motion carried 4-0** David Terrall then explained the Preliminary Budget was a pass through with no direct cost to Walworth County. **Citizen Member Burwell and Supervisor Hawkins moved and seconded approval of the Wildlife Program Preliminary Budget as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

Walworth County Potters Lake Representative Replacement – Louise Olson explained that Roy Lightfield left a verbal message that he no longer wanted to be on any county committees. A written letter of resignation has not been submitted as the county's Potter's Lake Representative, which negates the need for a replacement until May 1, 2012 after the County Board elections. Discussion followed regarding this sensitive issue while following the Walworth County Code of Ordinances [Section 2-143(d)(3)]. Ms. Olson will e-mail an explanation to Barry Bonneau, Potter's Lake P&R District Chair and Dale Marciniak who sent a Notice of Interest to Serve.

WLWCA Voting Proxy – Louise Olson. **Supervisor Hawkins and USDA/FSA Representative Bellman moved and seconded appointment of Dorothy Burwell as the official delegate who has authority to vote at the WLWCA annual meeting December 9, 2011. Motion carried 4-0.** Louise Olson provided the voting proxy form for Vice Chair Grant's signature.

WLWCA 2011 Annual Conference Registration and Silent Auction – Louise Olson. Dorothy Burwell will be attending the conference. Vice Chair Grant will be donating a bottle of wine to the silent auction. Ms Olson distributed auction forms in case anyone else wanted to provide auction items

WLWCA/WALCE Possible Merger – Louise Olson. Ms. Olson explained advantages of the merger of WLWCA comprised of Land Conservation Committees and WALCE comprised of Land Conservation Employees. **Supervisor Hawkins and USDA/FSA Representative Bellman moved and seconded to have staff write a letter of support for the WLWCA/WALCE merger and attach a copy of the LCC minutes. Motion carried 4-0.**

Farmland Preservation Plan Update – Louise Olson said DATCP has approved our request for an extension to the Farmland Preservation Plan to December 31, 2013. Ms. Olson said 674 residents with A-1 land have other zoning districts also and would be impacted if the plan is not approved by DATCP as submitted. **Supervisor Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell moved and seconded approval of the Extension Amendment #1 to the agreement between WIDATCP and Walworth County. Motion carried 4-0** Vice Chair Grant signed the extension agreement.

Next Meeting Date – Monday, November 14, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment – **On motion and second by Supervisors Hawkins and Citizen Member Burwell, Vice Chair Grant adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.**

Submitted by Joeann Douglas, Recording Secretary. Minutes are not considered final until approved by the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.



Wisconsin Land and Water
Conservation Association, Inc.



Wisconsin Association
of
Land Conservation Employees

December __, 2011

Governor Scott Walker
115 East Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Re: Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Budget Lapses

Dear Governor Walker:

We write to you today to express our opposition to the budget lapse proposal submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to the Department of Administration (DOA). 2011 Wisconsin Act 32 requires DATCP to lapse \$2.3 million during the current fiscal year and, in doing so, the agency is proposing a 29 percent reduction in soil and water general purpose revenue funds, which are used to staff county conservation departments. The proposed cut, which would amount to over \$1.1 million, comes in addition to the \$1 million in similar cuts already approved over the next biennium, and would severely undermine the invaluable efforts of county conservation staff from all 72 Wisconsin counties.

County conservation staffs work to **help farmers save money** through conservation practices, preserve precious top soil to protect Wisconsin's vital agricultural economy, keep lakes and rivers healthy to **promote recreation and tourism**, and maintain clean drinking water. These efforts help **create jobs and economic growth** in agriculture, tourism, paper, forest products, printing, fishing, hunting, and recreation. County conservation programs have been very successful in leveraging other funding sources to help accomplish state clean water and land conservation programs. This in turn helps boost local economies and, in cases of nutrient management, can **cost-effectively boost agricultural production**.

To avoid additional and unnecessary cuts to county conservation staffing grants, **the Joint Finance Committee is urged to transfer \$1.1 million in SEG nutrient management cost-sharing funds to backfill DATCP's proposed \$1.1 million GPR lapse in county staffing grants**. Transferring funds within DATCP's appropriations will allow the state to still meet its lapse goal while protecting county staffing grants. The loss of cost-sharing funds can be absorbed more easily than the loss of staffing grants. Without sufficient county staff, even funded programs like nutrient management cost sharing may not be able to be implemented. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you oppose DATCP's proposal and help provide a sustainable future for the funding of county conservation programs.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Title]
[Organization]

[Name]
[Title]
[Organization]

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Resolution No.
Opposition To Further Land Conservation Staffing Grant Cuts

1 Moved/Sponsored by: Land Conservation Committee
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3 **WHEREAS**, County Land and Water Resource Management Plans were added to Chapter 92
4 State Statutes in 1997 as a new method of addressing nonpoint pollution and other land
5 conservation efforts in Wisconsin; and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 92.14(6)(b) Wis. Statutes, the Department of Agriculture,
8 Trade and Consumer Protection shall attempt to provide funding for an average of 3 staff persons
9 per county, with an average of \$100,000 per county for cost-sharing grants; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Soil and Water Resource Management program is currently approximately \$4
12 million short of meeting its statutory staffing grant goal; and,
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14 **WHEREAS**, County Land Conservation staff supported by state grants have consistently
15 decreased since the program began, from 219 in 1997 to 97 in 2012, under the 2011-2013
16 biennial budget and corresponding agency lapse proposal; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection proposes to further
19 reduce soil and water general purpose revenue funds, which are used for staffing of county
20 conservation departments by 29 percent, resulting in a statewide reduction of \$1,100,400; and,
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22 **WHEREAS**, this comes in addition to the \$1 million in cuts already approved in the 2011-2013
23 biennial budget; and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, County Land Conservation staff play a critical role to our state's economy by
26 assisting landowners obtain state and federal funds to help pay for their operations and the
27 proposed cuts will therefore have a rippling negative impact on our state's communities
28 especially in rural areas;
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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation
31 Association does hereby urge the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and all elected
32 representatives in the Wisconsin State Legislature to reject further cuts to county land
33 conservation staffing grants, recognizing the invaluable service that county conservation
34 employees provide in managing and protecting Wisconsin's natural resources.
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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association
37 urges the Governor and all elected representatives in the state legislature to transfer 1.1 million
38 dollars in SEG nutrient management cost sharing funds to SWRM GPR staffing funds to
39 backfill 1.1 million dollars in proposed cuts to staffing funds.
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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association
42 encourages Wisconsin County Boards to pass similar resolutions.
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Policy and Fiscal Note
Resolution No.

I. Title: Opposition To Further Land Conservation Staffing Grant Cuts from counties to implement state and local conservation programs under s.s.Chapter 91 – Farmland Preservation and s.s.Chapter 92 – Soil and Waters Conservation and Animal Waste Management.

II. Purpose and Policy Impact Statement: The purpose of this resolution is NOT to support the proposed alternative Land and Water Conservation Board grant funding.

III. Budget and Fiscal Impact: If alternative grant funding is approved funding reduction to Walworth County will be as followed:

2011 – Soil & Water Conservation Grant - \$164,647 – 2012 County Budget \$147,402.

2012 – New DATCP Grant proposal - \$128,591 – Additional loss of \$18,811.00

IV. Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:

Committee: Land Conservation Committee Meeting Date: December 19, 2011

Vote:

County Board Meeting Date: January 10, 2012

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.
Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

David A. Bretl Date
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

Nicole Andersen Date
Deputy County Administrator - Finance

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.

**WI DNR
Aquatic Invasive Species Control
2012
Grant Application**

Walworth County

Aquatic Invasive Species

Control And Prevention Program

Submitted by: Walworth County Land Use & Resource Management Department

Walworth County Aquatic Invasive Species Control & Prevention
Program Summary

Walworth County lakes form some of the most valuable natural resources of the County. They offer a wide range of water-based opportunities and invaluable natural scenic beauty. Several studies have also shown that healthy lakes provide a very positive impact on the county economy. In fact, much of the Walworth County tax base is tied directly to the water quality of our lakes, which also fuels the County's economy with millions of tourism dollars every year. For these and many other reasons it is vitally important that we continue to protect these significant natural resources.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) pose a huge threat to our lakes. Once established, AIS are nearly impossible to eradicate and the cost of managing AIS in order to protect the fragile lake ecosystem and/or retain recreational opportunities is extremely high. However, it is possible to prevent the spread of AIS. Education has been, and continues to be a key component of all AIS prevention measures. The Walworth County Lake Specialist/AIS Coordinator began implementing a program to educate Walworth County lake residents, visitors, students, lake organizations and others about the increasing threat of aquatic invasive species and the methods to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in 2008. The program has been very successful but there is still work that needs to be done because every year new residents and visitors come to Walworth County to live and play on our lakes. The Walworth County Aquatic Invasive Species Control and Prevention Program Grant (if awarded) would allow the Walworth County Lakes Specialist to implement the following goals during a (3) year period, which would run from January 2013 through December 2015:

1. Community Education and Outreach.

- a. 5 – 10 Aquatic Invasive Species Educational workshops/presentations will be given per year to Lake Associations, Lake Districts, Property Owner Associations, Youth Groups, Landscapers, Boater Safety Classes and other interested individuals. Presentations and training sessions will be offered in Walworth County, throughout the SE Fox River Basin and to nearby Rock River Basin Communities. Presentations will include information on the following:
 - Existing aquatic invasive species within the County and their impacts
 - Aquatic invasive species not yet documented and their impacts
 - Information about how species are transported and methods to prevent their introduction, including prevention step requirements of Chapter NR 40.
 - Information about the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program, Citizen Volunteer Monitoring and Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol program and the critical need for volunteers to participate.
- b. 5-10 contacts will be made each year with area bait dealers to provide education and educational handouts about invasive species, prevention and control.
- c. Additional contacts will be made to garden centers, garden groups, and pet stores to distribute information about AIS and prevention steps they can/must take.

- d. The Walworth County Lake Specialist will conduct a total of 200 hours of water craft inspection using the Clean Boats, Clean Waters criteria per NR 198.22 at boat launches throughout the County. Lakes to be included: Geneva Lake, Delavan Lake, Lake Como, Pleasant Lake, Lake Beulah and Whitewater Lake. All these lakes have at least one documented aquatic invasive species. Data from Clean Boats, Clean Waters survey will be entered into SWIMS database.
- e. The Walworth County Lake Specialist will participate in the State sponsored July 4th Landing Blitz to educate boaters and anglers about AIS and the steps that are required by law to prevent their spread.
- f. The Walworth County Lake Specialist will conduct Clean Boats, Clean Waters water craft inspection training workshops for volunteers and/or hired individuals.

2. Aquatic Invasive Species Source Containment Activities

- a. The Walworth County Lake Specialist will distribute the new State AIS signs to launch managers for them to install. Each launch manager will also be provided with
 - i. a copy of the boat launch modification handout which will show them additional steps that can be taken at their launch to help boaters prevent the spread of AIS and
 - ii. A boat wash location map that can be displayed at their launch to show boaters and anglers the nearest location for washing their boats before visiting another lake and.
 - iii. Boat cleaning brooms will be offered to launch managers to be placed at their launch boat cleaning site for boaters to use to clean their boats.

3. Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring

In the past 2 years, (3) aquatic invasive species have been discovered in or near Delavan Lake. Yellow Floating Heart, *Nymphoides peltata*, which is listed as a prohibited species in Chapter NR40, Sacred lotus, *Nelumbo nucifera*, which is in process to be added to the prohibited list in Chapter NR 40, and *Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*, Water Pennywort, an invasive species but not currently regulated. Two, possibly all three species were introduced by an errant resident. These three incidents demonstrate the high possibility that other lakes in the County may have undiscovered AIS. Volunteers, trained to monitor their lakes for AIS would increase the likelihood of AIS being discovered before they become established, which would increase the success rate of eradication. Unfortunately, volunteers have been difficult to attract in SE Wisconsin. This grant, if awarded, will enable the Walworth County Lake Specialist/AIS Coordinator to incorporate a new strategy for 2013 through 2015.

- a. The Walworth County Lake Specialist/AIS Coordinator will work with local lake groups that have agreed to assist with promoting the need for AIS volunteer monitors on their lakes through their newsletters and websites. These lake groups will provide a location in which to hold the training sessions. (Potters Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District and the Delavan Lake Sanitary District have agreed that there is a need for this project and have tentatively agreed to assist).

- b. AIS monitoring training sessions will be offered each year. Media alerts will be sent to local newspapers.
- c. Volunteers will be trained to identify AIS and conduct surveillance monitoring for early detection using accepted WDNR or citizen-based monitoring protocols. And they also will be trained to enter their data into SWIMS.
 - i. The Walworth County Lake Specialist has previously received AIS monitoring training, performed AIS monitoring and attended Train the Trainer workshops and will be able to train any volunteers to identify AIS and conduct water body surveillance monitoring for early detection using accepted Citizen-based monitoring protocols.
 - ii. The Walworth County Lake Specialist will create an early detection plan for sponsor lake groups to utilize in the event that a new AIS is discovered during monitoring by their volunteers.
- d. Walworth County will contract with a consultant to have a professional level plant survey completed for Lake Lorraine in Walworth County. Products from the professional survey will include maps and raw survey data. The Walworth County Lake Specialist will take the raw data and produce a management plan that meets the specifications of NR 198.43. The aquatic plant management plan will include a rapid response strategy for Lake Lorraine. While this lake does have an established lake protection group, it does not have the resources to initiate such a survey or generate an aquatic plant management plan.
- e. Yellow Floating Heart, *Nymphoides peltata* was discovered in private ponds near Delavan Lake in 2009. A containment strategy was agreed upon between the property owner and WDNR. The containment strategy included hand removal of the yellow floating heart several times throughout the growing season in an effort to deplete the energy of the Yellow Floating Heart and ultimately kill it. The Walworth County Lake Specialist/AIS Coordinator has been monitoring the ponds since 2010 and will continue to monitor them through 2015 or until the property owner and WDNR decide on an alternate strategy or until monitoring is no longer necessary.

Walworth County Aquatic Invasive Species Control & Prevention Program

Administrative Budget Summary

Project Components	Project Cost Per Year	Total Cost (3 Year Period)
One Full Time Lake Specialist position Salaries, wages and employee benefits	\$81,335.00	\$244,005.00
Aquatic Invasive Species Educational Workshops/Presentations (5-10/year) Mileage, office supplies, telephone, postage	1,000.00	3,000.00
Clean Boats/Clean Waters Watercraft Inspector Training Sessions (1-2/year) Mileage, office supplies, telephone, postage	250.00	750.00
Aquatic Invasive Species Volunteer Monitoring Training Sessions (1/year) Mileage, office supplies, telephone, postage	250.00	750.00
Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Activities Mileage, office supplies, telephone, postage	500.00	1,500.00
Training/Workshops Mileage, registration, overnight accommodations \$700.00/year	700.00	2,100.00
(1) Aquatic Plant Surveys with Mapping Package & Production of Aquatic Plant Management Plan Consultant fee, mileage, office supplies, telephone, printing	2,331.00	\$6,993.00
Distribution of WI. DNR AIS Signs Mileage, office supplies, telephone, boat cleaning brooms	1,000.00	3,000.00
Printing & Distribution of Boat Launch Modification Checklist with AIS Signs Office supplies, telephone, postage, printing	250.00	750.00
Printing & Distribution of Boat Wash Facility Location Maps with AIS Signs Office supplies, telephone, printing	250.00	750.00
200 Hours per year of Clean Boats, Clean Waters Watercraft Inspection at Walworth County Launches & Data Reporting Mileage, telephone, printing, office supplies	1,000.00	3,000.00
Production of AIS Early Detection Strategies Mileage, telephone, printing, office supplies	750.00	2,250.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$89,616.00	\$268,848.00

PARTNERSHIP	YEAR 1 COST	YEAR 2 COST	YEAR 3 COST	TOTAL
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL GRANT	\$44,808.00	\$44,808.00	\$44,808.00	\$134,424.00
WALWORTH COUNTY	\$44,808.00	\$44,808.00	\$44,808.00	\$134,424.00

Resolution No.
Supporting the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants Application

1 Moved/Sponsored by: Land Conservation Committee

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3 **WHEREAS**, all lakes and water bodies within Walworth County are important resources used
4 by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty; and,

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6 **WHEREAS**, in 2004 the Walworth County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 98-
7 02/04 adopting the Land and Water Resource Management Plan; and,

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9 **WHEREAS**, in 2007 the Walworth County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 36-
10 08/07 adopting the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Application, expiring December 31,
11 2009; and,

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13 **WHEREAS**, in 2009 the Walworth County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 28-
14 07/09 adopting the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Application, expiring December 31,
15 2012; and,

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17 **WHEREAS**, the Land and Water Resource Management Plan designates staff to seek grant
18 funding for the protection of the water quality and recreational use in Walworth County; and,

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20 **WHEREAS**, public use and enjoyment of all lakes and watercourses in Walworth County is best
21 served by protecting water from infestation of aquatic invasive species; and,

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23 **WHEREAS**, the Walworth County Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to provide
24 information and education about aquatic invasive species; and,

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26 **WHEREAS**, the Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department -
27 Conservation Division personnel are qualified to carry out the responsibilities of an aquatic
28 invasive species control project.

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Walworth County Board of Supervisors that
31 the Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department may request the funds
32 and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the
33 “Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Program”; and,

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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Walworth County Board of Supervisors that Louise
36 Olson, County Conservationist, may act on behalf of the Walworth County Land Conservation
37 Committee to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for aquatic
38 invasive species control purposes, sign documents related to this grant and take necessary action
39 to undertake, direct, and complete an approved aquatic invasive species control grant; and,

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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Walworth County Board of Supervisors that Walworth
42 County Land Use and Resource Management Department - Conservation Division will meet the
43 obligations of the aquatic invasive species control project, including timely publication of the

Policy and Fiscal Note
Resolution No.

- I. **Title:** Supporting the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants Application
- II. **Purpose and Policy Impact Statement:** The purpose of this resolution is to support the grant application to help protect lakes and watercourses in Walworth County. The Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department seeks funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Program in order to help protect these valuable resources.
- III. **Budget and Fiscal Impact:** Cost of the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant is as follows, assuming a January 1, 2013 starting date:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Total Program Cost	\$89,616.00	\$89,616.00	\$89,616.00
State Grant Revenue	\$44,808.00	\$44,808.00	\$44,808.00
	_____	_____	_____
County Costs	\$44,808.00	\$44,808.00	\$44,808.00

Program costs may be offset with appropriations previously utilized for the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant in the amount of \$45,892 annually. The Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant will conclude as of December 31, 2015.

Net costs of the new program will be a decrease of \$1084.00 annually or 3-year decrease total of \$3,252.00, utilizing existing position in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

IV. Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:

Committee: Land Conservation Committee Meeting Date: December 19, 2011

Vote:

County Board Meeting Date: January 10, 2012

Policy and fiscal note has been reviewed and approved as an accurate statement of the probable policy and fiscal impacts associated with passage of the attached resolution.

David A. Bretl Date
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

Nicole Andersen Date
Deputy County Administrator - Finance

**Dorothy C. Burwell
N4836 County Road O
Delavan, WI 53115**

December 13, 2011

Michael Cotter, Director
Land Use & Resource Management Dept.
100 West Walworth Street
Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53121

Dear Mr. Cotter:

At our last Land Conservation Committee meeting there was a lengthy discussion regarding the county representative on lake districts. Our present ordinance states the representative position shall be offered to a committee member, county board member and then advertised for a county citizen.

I have given considerable thought to this process and would like to suggest that the county ordinance should be amended to state that the citizen member shall not reside in the district they are appointed to. This change would, in my opinion, more accurately reflect the intent of the law.

Please refer this letter to the proper county committee for consideration.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy C. Burwell

State of Wisconsin
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
101 S. Webster Street
Box 7921
Madison WI 53707-7921

Scott Walker, Governor
Cathy Stepp, Secretary
Telephone 608-266-2621
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December 6, 2011 - *Post marked 12/8,
Received 12/10*

Nancy Russell, County Board Chair
Walworth County
1720 Fairview Dr
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Dear Chairperson:

The Department would like to inform you that a grant from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program has been tentatively awarded to support the acquisition of 7.8 acres of land located in the Town of East Troy by The Kettle Moraine Land Trust for conservation and public recreational purposes.

The state biennial budget bill enacted in 2011 includes a provision requiring a Department notice to your Board stating that your Board may adopt a resolution that supports or opposes land acquisitions funded by the Stewardship Program. See s. 23.0917(5t) Wis. Stats. While the Board is not obligated to hold a meeting or adopt a resolution, if you decide to do so, the Department contact is:

Dan Kaemmerer - Customer Support Specialist
2300 N Dr Martin Luther King Jr Dr
Milwaukee, WI 53212
Telephone: 414-263-8704
Email - daniel.kaemmerer@wisconsin.gov

Although a resolution for or against this land acquisition will be nonbinding, the Department is required to consider the resolution if it is received within 30 days of your receipt of this letter.

If you would like more information, or have questions or concerns about the purchase, please contact me at the above address, by phone at 608-266-0868, or by email at Pamela.FosterFelt@Wisconsin.gov.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Pamela Foster-Felt
Stewardship Non Profit Grant Manager

cc: Dan Kaemmerer - SER
Gerald Peterson, President, Kettle Moraine Land Trust