

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2021

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF LAND RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT TO SUBMIT MULTI-DISCHARGE VARIANCE APPLICATION TO THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The multi-discharger variance (MDV) for phosphorus extends the timeline for Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permitted facilities complying with low-level phosphorus limits. In exchange, facilities commit to step reductions of phosphorus within their effluent and provide funding to address nonpoint sources of phosphorus from farm fields or other natural areas through the implementation of projects designed to improve water quality. Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department and various WPDES permit holders are pursuing an approach to address reductions of phosphorus in the Baraboo River Watershed through MDV watershed projects. Sauk County is able to provide assistance in the implementation of such projects. There is potential for other communities to become part of the MDV program, which may result in additional funding and partnerships for and within Sauk County. Actual funding amounts are not made available until January 1 of any given year.

Fiscal Impact: [] None [X] Budgeted Expenditure [] Not Budgeted

WHEREAS, Pursuant to s. 283.16, Wis. Stats, the MDV application must be submitted by Sauk County annually to determine eligibility to receive multi-discharger variance (MDV) funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, that Sauk County continues to support the installation of conservation practices that prevent phosphorus pollution caused by soil erosion and agricultural runoff to protect groundwater surface water resources; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Land Resources and Environment is hereby authorized to submit the MDV application and any amendment thereafter.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on December 21, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fiscal Note: The 2022 Land Resources and Environment Department budget shows potential grant amounts of \$22,951. Final funding amounts depend upon participation of other Counties in the watershed and will not be available until after January 1, 2022.

MIS Note: No impact.