RESOLUTION #

**Resolution to** **Authorize the Application and Implementation of The Healthy Lakes and Rivers Program**

Resolution offered by the Land Resources and Environment Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Sauk County, Wisconsin:

**BACKGROUND:** The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has grant funding available through the Healthy Lakes and Rivers program. The Healthy Lakes and Rivers program assists private landowners within 1,000 feet of lakes and 300 feet of rivers who want to install practices on their property to improve habitat and water quality. Healthy Lakes and Rivers grants support five simple and inexpensive best practices that may be installed in the littoral, transition/buffer, and upland zones of shoreland properties. The grant provides up to $1,000 per practice and up to $25,000 for an eligible applicant applying on behalf of multiple property owners. Remaining cost to install the practices will be provided by property owners. Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department applies for the WDNR funds on behalf of property owners who want to implement these conservation practices. The Executive Summary is incorporated in this resolution and Sauk County attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Sauk County will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the Administrator to submit the following documents to do the following:

1. Sign and submit a grant application and supporting documents to the WDNR for financial assistance available through the Healthy Lakes and Rivers program.
2. Enter into an agreement/contract with the WDNR.
3. Submit required reports to the WDNR to satisfy the agreement/contract, as appropriate.
4. Submit other documentation as necessary to complete the project per the agreement/contract

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Sauk County will comply with all local, state, and federal rules, regulations, and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement/contract.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Resources and Environment Committee, this 19th day of September 2023.

Consent Agenda Item: [ ] YES [ ] NO

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

Vote Required: Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Offered and passage moved by: **Land Resources and Environment**

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MIS Note: No information systems impact.