

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2017

**AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION, PLANNING, AND ZONING
TO SUBMIT MULTI-DISCHARGER VARIANCE APPLICATION TO THE
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Background: 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, cities or other natural areas through the implementation of projects designed to improve water quality. Sauk County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department and the City of Reedsburg are pursuing an approach to address reductions of phosphorus in the Baraboo River Watershed through a MDV watershed project. Sauk County is able to provide assistance in the implementation of this project and the City of Reedsburg has requested such assistance from the County. 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.

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 in order to protect groundwater surface water resources; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Conservation, Planning, and Zoning is hereby authorized to submit the MDV application and any amendment thereafter.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on December 19, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

SAUK COUNTY CONSERVATION, PLANNING, AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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Fiscal Note: The proposed 2018 Budget shows potential grant amounts of \$20,000 available for funding conservation practices. Final funding amounts will not be available until after January 1, 2018.

MIS Note: No information systems impact.