

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2019

**AUTHORIZING THE DECISION TO REMOVE / REPAIR HEMLOCK DAM AND
AUTHORIZING THE LAND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH AN
APPLICATION FOR THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
MUNICIPAL DAM GRANT**

Background: The Hemlock Dam creates Hemlock Slough, located at Hemlock County Park, in the Township of LaValle, Sauk County, was constructed in 1964 for recreational purposes. During the months of August and September 2018, the dam sustained damages during a flooding event. Subsequently, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), gave the Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department an Administrative Order to Repair or Abandon Hemlock Dam. The WDNR must receive the decision to abandon or repair Hemlock Dam by August 30, 2019.

The Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department contracted with Ayres Associates to complete a removal/repair feasibility study for Hemlock Dam. The feasibility study was presented to the Land Resources and Environment Committee to aid in the decisionmaking process to abandon or repair the dam. Sauk County can apply for a Municipal Dam Grant, administered by the WDNR for both removal and repair. The dam removal grant covers up to \$400,000 of design and construction cost with no local cost share. The repair grant covers 50% of the first \$400,000 and 25% of the next \$400,000, up to a total project cost of \$800,000. The grants are competitive; and there is no guarantee that one will be received.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, to authorize the removal of Hemlock Dam / repair of Hemlock Dam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, to authorize the Land Resources and Environment Department to proceed with applying for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Municipal Dam Grant.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on August 20, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fiscal Note: \$250,000 has been included in the 2020 budget. This amount will likely change depending on an accepted bid, and whether the Hemlock Dam qualifies for the WDNR Municipal Dam Grant.

MIS Note: No information systems impact.