



RESOLUTION # _____

**TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

ITEM # _____

BOARD ACTION

Adopted: _____
For: _____
Against: _____
Abstain: _____
Abs/Excd: _____
Vote Req: _____
Other Action: _____

**PLANNING
RESOURCES &
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE
ACTION**

Adopted: 1/30/23
For: 4
Against: 1
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 1

**RE: APPROVAL OF BLUFFLANDS FUNDING FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION ALLIANCE COMMUNITY
TRAIL FARMLAND PURCHASE**

WHEREAS, the County approved the Blufflands Plan in 2016 to guide a regional approach to the conservation and recreational use of area blufflands; and,

WHEREAS, the County signed a Memorandum of Understanding in September of 2021 to join the Blufflands Coalition to facilitate the implementation of the Blufflands Plan; and,

WHEREAS, County staff developed Guidelines for Requesting Blufflands Funding to provide a consistent way for community organizations and municipalities within La Crosse County to request funding assistance for blufflands projects from the County; and,

WHEREAS, the County has received a request from the Outdoor Recreation Alliance (ORA) for \$150,000 to assist in the purchase of two-hundred seventy-seven (277) acres within the Tier One area of the Blufflands Plan, and that the request follows the guidelines for requesting funding and meets all the requirements that the County has set for providing funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the grant of \$150,000 to the Outdoor Recreation Alliance to assist in the purchase of two-hundred seventy-seven (277) acres; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair, after approval by Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Outdoor Recreation Alliance.

FISCAL NOTE: This \$150,000 grant will be awarded from Account 100.130.1180-63100.00 Bluffland Protection. This account currently has \$178,100 which has been budgeted in previous years and carried forward into 2023. Since 2017, \$82,193 has been spent on Bluffland efforts. This \$150,000 grant will leave \$28,100 remaining for future Bluffland projects.

Date: 1-30-2023

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 1-30-2023

RECORDING CLERK

Co. Admin.
Fin. Director
Corp. Counsel
Board Chair

Reviewed
Only

Recommended

Not

Recommended

Requested By: Charlie Handy
Date Requested: December 6, 2022
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this _____ Day of _____, 2023