AMENDED
Resolution No. 05-04/19
Supporting Funding Renewal for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program

Moved/Sponsored by: Park Committee

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ch. 23.0915(2c)(d), Wis. Stats., the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is set to expire in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the program has supported land acquisition and capital development by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), local governments, and nonprofit conservation organizations to preserve valuable natural areas, wildlife habitat, water quality and outdoor recreation for public benefit around the state; and,

WHEREAS, Walworth County has utilized Stewardship grant funds to develop public outdoor recreation opportunities, most recently acquiring and improving the White River County Park through the program, and,

WHEREAS, this resolution supports the continuation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors considers Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program a valuable tool to preserve and restore natural areas, wildlife habitat, and water quality while supporting the development of public nature-based outdoor recreation opportunities that promote economic development and enhance quality of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors does support funding renewal for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Walworth County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Legislature and the Governor, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Secretary, 101 S. Webster Street, Madison, WI 53702.

Wisconsin Counties Association

Nancy Russell
County Board Chair

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

County Board Meeting Date: April 16, 2019

Action Required: Majority Vote x Two-thirds Vote Other

Resolution/Ordinance was:
   □ Adopted/Refered/Laid Over
   □ Passed
   □ Roll Call/Unanimous Voice

Noes: Absent:
   # # # # #
   April 16, 2019
Policy and Fiscal Note is attached. Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

David A. Bretl  Date  Nicole Andersen  Date
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel  Deputy County Administrator - Finance

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.
Policy and Fiscal Note
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I. Title: Supporting Funding Renewal for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program

II. Purpose and Policy Impact Statement: The purpose of this resolution is to support funding renewal for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

III. Budget and Fiscal Impact: Passage of this resolution will have no fiscal impact on the County budget.

IV. Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:

Committee: Park Committee
Meeting Date: March 18, 2019
Vote: 5-0
County Board Meeting Date: April 16, 2019

Policy and fiscal note has been reviewed and approved as an accurate statement of the probable policy and fiscal impact associated with passage of the attached resolution.

David A. Bretl
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel
Date: 22 March 19

Nicole Andersen
Deputy County Administrator – Finance
Date: 3/25/19

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