



DOOR COUNTY

Resolution No. 2017-23

PROVIDE ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION AND COST-SHARING FOR FARMERS AND OTHER LAND USERS

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
AUSTAD	X		
BACON	X		
D. ENGLEBERT	X		
R. ENGLEBERT	X		
ENIGL	X		
FISHER	X		
GUNNLAUGSSON	X		
HALSTEAD	X		
KOCH	X		
KOHOUT	X		
LIENAU	X		
LUNDAHL	X		
MOELLER	X		
NEINAS	X		
ROBILLARD	X		
SCHULTZ	X		
SITTE	X		
SOHNS	X		
VIRLEE	X		
VLIES WOTACHEK	X		
WAIT	X		
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BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted

1st Kohout Defeated

2nd Sohns

Yes: 21 No: 0 Exc: 0

Reviewed by: [Signature], Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: [Signature], Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to County of Door or its annual budget associated with the adoption of this resolution.

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Certification:

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 28th day of March, 2017 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

[Signature]
Jill M. Lau
County Clerk, Door County

1 **WHEREAS**, The County Soil and Water Conservation Department is the necessary local delivery
2 mechanism for a wide range of natural resource management programs including non-point pollution
3 control, reclamation of non-metallic mines, invasive species control, beach health improvement, lakes
4 protection; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, Protection of the County's 300 miles of shoreline, diverse natural resources, and highly
7 sensitive groundwater that provides drinking water for residents is a County priority; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation:

- 10 • supports the concept of credit trading and adaptive management between
- 11 municipalities and the agriculture community to reduce phosphorus discharge
- 12 • urges the state to stop the spread of invasive species into Wisconsin
- 13 • supports adequate funding to local units of government to implement the nonpoint
- 14 program, provided that local regulations do not exceed state standards

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16 **WHEREAS**, The Wisconsin Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection acknowledges the
17 counties' statutory role in coordinating and implementing farm conservation standards at the local level,
18 and supports efforts to ensure that adequate resources are available for counties to do their job; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, State grants for County Land Conservation staff have decreased since the program
21 began, and,

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23 **WHEREAS**, The Governor's budget has not requested maintenance of the annual average staff
24 funding of \$9.3 million that were included in the pre-recession budgets from 2001 to 2011, thus reducing
25 the funding to \$8 million annually in the 2017-19 budget; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) 2017 statewide policy recognizes the value
28 of the work County Land Conservation Departments provide to farmers and Wisconsin citizens by
29 supporting adequate resources to implement maintaining this base level of funding; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, The inability to adequately fund local, voluntarily accepted farm conservation practices
32 has led to environmental problems and increasing citizen suits and court decisions against farmers.

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34 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Door County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
35 this 28th day of March, 2017, does hereby urge the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and all elected
36 representatives in the Wisconsin State Legislature to return to the \$9.3 million appropriation for state aid
37 to counties, recognizing the invaluable service that county conservation employees provide in helping
38 Wisconsin farmers grow our state's agriculture while preserving the state's land and water resources for
39 future generations.

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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this
42 Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, to legislators representing Door County
43 constituents, and to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

SUBMITTED BY: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

[Signature] Susan Kohout, Chairman

[Signature] David Enigl

[Signature] Helen Bacon

[Signature] Steve Sohn

[Signature] Roy Englebert

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