

ENROLLED ORDINANCE 179-69

MODIFY THE 2025-2029 CAPITAL PLAN AND 2025 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR CAPITAL PROJECT #202408, FOX BEND WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors approved Capital Improvement Project #202408, Fox Bend Wetland Restoration Project, in the 2025-2029 Capital Plan, which included breaking existing drain tiles to restore hydrology, wetland scrapes, and vegetation management with a total budget of \$122,400; and

WHEREAS, the final construction phase of the project was bid and the low bid amount exceeded available funding within the Fox Bend Wetland Restoration Project budget due to challenging site access and higher unit prices for site vegetation maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Waukesha County has been awarded \$16,000 in additional funding for the project from the Soil and Water Resource Management Grant (SWRM) from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to fund the Fox Bend Wetland Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, approval of the additional revenue and expenditure authorization will allow the County to proceed on schedule with the construction phase of the Fox Bend Wetland Restoration Project in the Spring of 2025.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WAUKESHA ORDAINS that the 2025-2029 Capital Plan and 2025 Capital Projects budget be modified to appropriate additional expenditure authority of \$16,000 and increase general government revenues by a corresponding amount for Capital Project #202408, Fox Bend Wetland Restoration Project.

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Presented by:
Executive Committee

Approved by: Land Use, Parks,
and Environment Committee

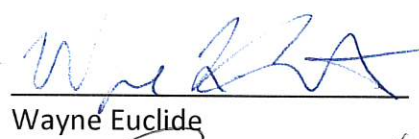
Approved by:
Finance Committee


James A. Heinrich, Chair


Christine M. Howard, Chair

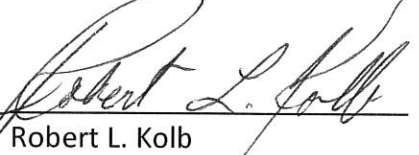

Gary J. Szpara, Chair

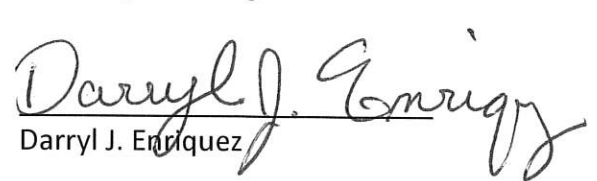

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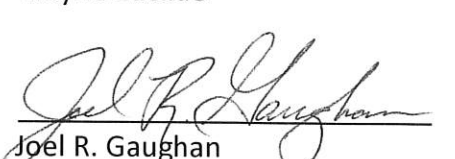

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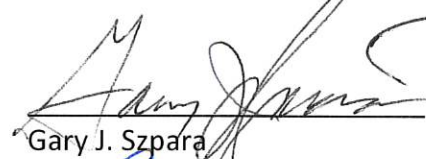
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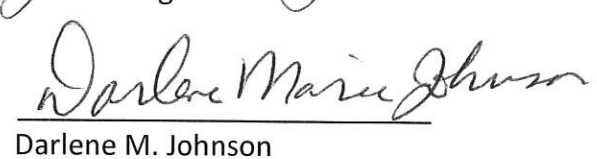

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The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, was presented to the County Executive on:

Date: 1/31/25, 
Margaret Wartman, County Clerk

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

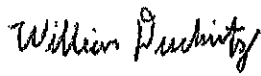
Approved: X
Vetoed: _____

Date: 2/3/25, 
Paul Farrow, County Executive

FISCAL NOTE

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This ordinance modifies the 2025-2029 Capital Plan and 2025 Capital Projects budget to increase the expenditures and revenues for project #202408 – Fox Bend Wetland Restoration project by \$16,000. The increase in expenditures for this project of \$16,000 is to be funded through additional DATCP Soil and Water Resource Management grant revenue. The need for the increase in the budget for this project is based on slightly higher than anticipated bid results for the construction phase of this project.



William Duckwitz
Budget Manager
1/7/2025
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JE #2025-00000110

Project Title:	Fox Bend Wetland Restoration Project	Project #:	202408
Department:	Parks & Land Use	Project Type:	Renovation/Upgrade
Phase:	Formation	Sponsor:	
Budget Action:	C - \$ Update C - Rev Update	Manager:	Dale Shaver, PLU Director
Date:	January 6, 2025	Map / Image:	Click Here

CAPITAL BUDGET SUMMARY						
Year	2024	2025	2025	2026	2027	Total
Project Phase	Ordinance					Project
Expenditure Budget	\$6,000	\$106,400	\$16,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$138,400
Revenue Budget	\$6,000	\$106,400	\$16,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$138,400
Net Costs After Revenues Applied	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
COST DOCUMENTATION		REVENUE				
Design fees		\$6,000	DNR Waterfowl Stamp Program Grant			\$92,400
Construction costs		\$122,400	SE Wisconsin Fox River Commission			\$10,000
Site maintenance		\$10,000	DATCP Soil and Water Resource Management			\$36,000
Total Project Cost		\$138,400	Total Revenue			\$138,400
EXPENDITURE BUDGET		\$138,400	REVENUE BUDGET			\$138,400

Project Scope & Description

Fox Bend Park is currently an undeveloped park, but plans include managing the site for natural habitat and ecological restoration. This project proposes to convert ~20 acres of degraded marginal-quality agricultural land dominated by invasive reed canary grass and woody invasive species to a mosaic of high-quality native wetland and transitional habitats. The parcels included in this proposal are owned and managed by Waukesha County.

The project is a planned collaboration with a number of organizations to restore the ~ 20 acres to their natural, historic condition of the floodplain area along the Fox River. Since this portion of the property is very difficult to lease for agricultural use, this project will provide a multitude of benefits including the following: 1) restore higher quality wetlands for waterfowl and other wildlife, 2) potentially increase floodplain storage through the wetland scrapes, and 3) increase beneficial native wildlife and vegetation at the site through the control of invasive vegetation and new plantings.

The project will include County design and site preparation for the control of invasive vegetation in 2024 (no external costs). Contractor construction will occur in 2025 with additional vegetation control, drain tile disruption, grading, seeding/planting, and general site restoration. Contractor vegetative maintenance will continue into 2026 for the main wetland restoration area. County staff will then take over site monitoring and vegetative maintenance for the construction site starting in 2027. Funding has been secured for construction of the project, which includes the following grants: \$10,000 from the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission (SEWFRC), \$36,000 from Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) from DATCP, and \$92,400 from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Waterfowl Stamp Grant. Project costs are updated through an ordinance to increase project expenditures with added revenues to cover additional costs of construction and vegetative establishment. This is to account for higher than anticipated bid costs due to challenging site access and higher unit prices for site vegetation maintenance.

Location

The Fox Bend Park property includes over six hundred acres of contiguous lands along the Fox River, and it is located in the Village of Vernon. The site includes ~50 acres of leased agricultural land, while the remaining ~175 acres is managed as natural habitat by Waukesha County Parks. The ~ 20 acres proposed for this project are on the north side of the property, adjacent to the Fox River. The property fronts CTH L on the south side.

Analysis of Need

The project will restore higher quality wetlands for waterfowl and other wildlife, potentially increase floodplain storage, and increase beneficial native wildlife and vegetation. This project will improve and expand hunting opportunities for Waukesha County residents and visitors by adding an additional 20 acres of huntable lands within the park system.

Alternatives

- 1) Maintain existing site conditions, which will encourage continual invasive growth and habitat degradation on the site. 100% alternate revenue-based funding for the beneficial improvements will be missed.
- 2) Repair the existing drain tile and attempt to bring the land back into agricultural production. This would require County funds to repair and maintain the broken tile, and success would be a challenge due to the low elevation and close proximity of the land to the floodplain. Additionally, this option would not provide any additional habitat for beneficial wildlife.

Ongoing Operating Costs

Ongoing maintenance by County staff will include infrequent mowing and prescribed burning to prevent re-establishment of invasive vegetation.

Previous Action:

Approved as a new project in the 2024-2028 capital plan. Approved as planned in the 2025-2029 capital plan.

VOTE RESULTS >

22 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 3 ABSENT

Ordinance 179-O-073

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Passed With 17 Yes Votes Needed

D1 - Styza	AVE	D10 - Thieme	AVE	D19 - Enriquez	AVE
D2 - Euclide	AVE	D11 - Howard	AVE	D20 - Schellinger	AVE
D3 - Morris	AVE	D12 - Wolff	AVE	D21 - Gaughan	AVE
D4 - Batzko	AVE	D13 - Leisemann	AVE	D22 - Szpara	AVE
D5 - Dondlinger	AVE	D14 - Mommaerts	AVE	D23 - Hammitt	AVE
D6 - Walz	AVE	D15 - Kolb	AVE	D24 - VACANT	ABSENT
D7 - LaFontain	M AVE	D16 - Crowley	ABSENT	D25 - Johnson	AVE
D8 - Koremenos	ABSENT	D17 - Meier	S AVE		
D9 - Heinrich	AVE	D18 - Nelson	AVE		

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