



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

Revenues and expenditures of \$5,545 are anticipated as follows:

SP15-78540-910030: (\$5,545)

SP15-55620-910030: \$2,772.50

CL60-55620-810400: \$2,772.50

### **Title**

To authorize the Superintendent of Parks to accept and expend a \$5,545 grant from Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for the establishment of a series of “vegetated breakwaters” in the Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park located along the Yahara River north of Lake Mendota.

### **Body**

The City of Madison Parks Division and its Conservation section manage extensive conservation holdings within the City of Madison, among which include the Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park located along the Yahara River north of Lake Mendota. Records show that a dam was installed at Tenney Park around 1910, which raised the lake level of Lake Mendota 5 feet that caused water to back up into the Yahara River near the confluence of Token Creek. That rise in water levels apparently caused the peat sedge meadows to float up instead of maintaining their root systems in place. Over 275 acres of highly diverse wetlands have been lost since 1937, together with an estimated additional 370 acres lost between 1910 and 1937.

The restoration project was begun in 2002 with two primary objectives: first, to establish emergent/submergent palustrine wetlands adjacent to the “floating sedge meadows” to buffer them from further erosive losses and second, to restore 80 acres of emergent/submergent palustrine wetlands in shallow water 1.5 to 3 feet deep, to provide habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Parks, on behalf of the City of Madison, is authorized to accept and expend a \$5,545 grant from Ducks Unlimited; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Parks is authorized to sign documents and take necessary actions to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED That all such agreements shall be in a form approved by the Risk Manager and the City Attorney.