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RESOLUTION #11-2015

Resolution offered by Supervisors of the Forestry, Land, and Recreation Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Oneida County owns 82,279 acres of forest land which collectively provides many benefits such as timber revenue, recreation, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, and green space for Oneida County residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the lands known as the Oneida County Forest are managed under the direction of the Oneida County Forestry, Land, & Recreation Committee, in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 28.11, the County Forest Crop Law; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 28.11 requires that all county forests operate under a County Forest Fifteen Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and

WHEREAS, periodic changes in accepted forest management techniques can require amending the County Forest Fifteen Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan so as to reflect said changes; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department Natural Resources, the Wisconsin County Forest Association, and the Sustainable Forest Initiative-Forest Certification Program, have developed and/or endorse the following language being added to Chapter 800 of the Oneida County Forest Fifteen Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan to insure and enhance the aforementioned benefits provided by the county forest:

[The following is an excerpt from chapter 800. The entire document is available on request.]

815 TREE RETENTION

Silvicultural practices are designed to manipulate vegetation to achieve management objectives. Retention of some trees, both alive and dead, has associated ecological benefits. Oneida County will implement tree retention guidelines consistent with the DNR Silvicultural Handbook (#2431.5)(Chapter 24 – Marking Guidelines) with the following variances:

Tree retention on even-aged harvests varying from 3% - 15% of crown cover or stand area

Retention will occur at the “Harvest Unit” level. Harvest Unit is defined as the stands within a timber sale. Riparian management zones (RMZ) and stands excluded from harvesting (Z prefix stands) occurring within or adjacent to the Harvest Unit, can provide retention opportunities.

Retention will be encouraged but will not be required in stands of 10 acres in size or less managed as even-aged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the aforementioned language and the and hereby amends Chapter 800 of the 2006—2020, Oneida County Forest Fifteen Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED, that the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee will forward this amendment to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for their approval.

51 **Vote Required:** Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

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53 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes _____ No _____ as reviewed by
54 the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date: _____

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57 Approved by the Forestry, Land, & Recreation Committee this 4th day of February, 2015.

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59 Consent Agenda Item: _____YES _____NO

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89 _____ by the County Board of Supervisors this _____ day of _____, 2015.

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95 Mary Bartelt, Clerk

Dave Hintz, County Board Chair