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**RESOLUTION # 23-2015**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Forestry, Land, and Recreation Committee would like to purchase an estimated 191.80 acres of land located within Oneida County, Wisconsin, described in attached Exhibits A-F, for the purpose of adding to the Oneida County Forest land base; and

**WHEREAS**, acquisition of this property will perpetually provide forest products to our local economy, revenues to the County, outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, wildlife habitat, and improve property administration on the County Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board has the authority to acquire said property for the purpose of establishing County Forest Land pursuant to Wis. Stat §28.10; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Forest acquisition policy and boundaries are outlined and defined in Chapter 400 of the Oneida County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as approved for the years 2006-2020 by the County Board of Supervisors on April 17, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is eligible to apply for funding through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition grant program pursuant to Wis. Stat. §23.0953.; and

**WHEREAS**, said grant may provide funding for up to 50% of the approved land acquisition price; and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County is also eligible to use a second funding mechanism that allows the county to claim up to 50% of the value of any additional county-owned land that is deemed eligible for, and is subsequently enrolled into, the County Forest Law Program. This determined value can then be applied towards the County's share of funds required for the above-described land acquisition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forestry, Land, and Recreation Committee has identified 343.50 acres of County- owned land, described in attached Exhibits G-Q, for enrollment into the County Forest Law Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Board has the authority to enter County-owned lands for the purpose of establishing County Forest Land pursuant to Wis. Stat.§ 28.11(4); and

**WHEREAS**, State certified land appraisals are required to determine the values of both the land proposed for acquisition and the existing county-owned land being proposed to serve as all or part of the required County matching funds for the above-described land acquisition; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the above-described land appraisals can be added onto the approved land acquisition purchase price, thus making this expense also eligible for reimbursement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of the Forestry, Land, and Recreation Committee to structure the application for the proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition grant in such a way that there is no fiscal impact to Oneida County for the above described land acquisition; and

52 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors does  
53 hereby authorize the Forestry, Land, and Recreation Committee, or their duly appointed  
54 representative, to apply for grant funding available through the Wisconsin Department of  
55 Natural Resources under the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition grant program to  
56 reimburse Oneida County for up to 50% of the approved land acquisition price of the 191.80  
57 acres of land described above; and

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59 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that contingent upon Oneida County being awarded the above-  
60 described Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition grant, the Oneida County Board of  
61 Supervisors does hereby authorize the Forestry, Land, and Recreation Committee, or their duly  
62 appointed representative, to submit an application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural  
63 Resources to enroll up to 343.50 acres of existing County-owned lands into the County Forest  
64 Law program for the purposes of adding to the Oneida County Forest land base, and to receive  
65 credit of up to 50% of the appraised value of the land being enrolled, which shall be applied  
66 towards and serve as all and/or part of the Oneida County matching funds required for the  
67 above-described land purchase.

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69 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if upon establishing the final land purchase price, and  
70 determining the exact amount of funding that is made available to Oneida County for the  
71 proposed land acquisition, it is determined that there is a shortage in the funds required to  
72 complete the proposed land acquisition, the project will be brought back to the Oneida County  
73 Board for guidance on how and/or if the proposed land acquisition should proceed.

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75 **Vote Required:** Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_

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77 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed by  
78 the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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81 Approved by the Forestry, Land, & Recreation Committee this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

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83 Consent Agenda Item: \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

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85 Offered and passage moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
86 Supervisor  
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99 \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes

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101 \_\_\_\_\_ Nays

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103 \_\_\_\_\_ Absent

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105 \_\_\_\_\_Abstain

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108 \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted

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110 \_\_\_\_\_ by the County Board of Supervisors this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Mary Bartelt, Clerk

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Dave Hintz, County Board Chair