

WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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VOTE

2009 RESOLUTION 3

Authorization to Become a Member of the Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Cooperative

WHEREAS, Wisconsin faces an onslaught of invasive species from other regions and countries; and

WHEREAS, these non-native plants and animals displace native species, disrupt ecosystems, harm recreational activities such as fishing, boating and hiking and, ultimately, impact local economies; and

WHEREAS, invasive species disperse widely across the landscape, making it advantageous to work cooperatively across jurisdictional boundaries toward prevention, management and control; and

WHEREAS, the number of new invasive species introduced into our region each year has been out-pacing control activities, making prevention and management tasks impractical for any one agency to manage alone; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Land Conservation Committee and Planning and Parks Department staff have developed a 2008 Planned Activities Update to the Washington County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (2006-2010) as approved by the Land Conservation Committee on April 9, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Planned Activities Update includes promoting identification, control and management of invasive plant and animal species as an objective of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Land Conservation Committee recommends adoption of the Land and Water Resource Management Plan: 2008 Planned Activities Update by the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Cooperative (SEWISC), a broad based coalition was recently formed to promote efficient and effective management of invasive species throughout an eight-county region; and

1 **WHEREAS**, SEWISC provides a forum to share information and to cooperatively ex-
2 ecute invasive species management activities in southeastern Wisconsin; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, a Memorandum of Understanding has been developed which reflects a
5 commitment to cooperate and work together to achieve the mission of SEWISC; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Walworth County, Ozaukee County, Racine County, Milwaukee County,
8 WE Energies, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin-
9 Milwaukee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Milwaukee Metro Sewage District, Ozaukee
10 Washington Land Trust, Weed Out! Racine, Riveredge Nature Center, and Ulao Creek Part-
11 nership have all recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with SEWISC; and

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13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of Su-
14 pervisors that the Land and Water Resource Management Plan (2006-2010): 2008 Planned Ac-
15 tivities Update is hereby adopted.

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17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that for the reasons stated herein, Washington Coun-
18 ty's membership in SEWISC is hereby authorized.

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20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon County Board approval, the Land Conser-
21 vation Committee Chairperson is authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding
22 with SEWISC on behalf of Washington County.

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26 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

27 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Resolution authorizing the County's membership in the
28 SEWISC.

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30 APPROVED: Introduced by members of the LAND
31 **(signed by Kimberly A. Nass)** CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
32 Kimberly A. Nass, County Attorney as filed with the County Clerk.

33 Dated **4/22/09**

(signed by John W. Stern)

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35 Considered **4/21/09** John W. Stern, Chairperson

36 Adopted **4/21/09**

37 Ayes **26** Noes **0** Absent **4**

38 Voice Vote _____

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40 (No fiscal effect.)