



RESOLUTION # 15-9/24

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 9-13
BOARD ACTION
Adopted:
For: 26
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 4
Vote Req: -
Other Action: -

PLANNING, RESOURCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ACTION
Adopted:
For: 7
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 0

RE: AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PROJECT PLAN AND PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (PLAN-PEIS) PREPARED BY THE NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE WHICH RECOMMENDS DECOMMISSIONING ALL FOURTEEN PL-566 WATERSHED DAMS IN THE COON CREEK WATERSHED

WHEREAS, on the night of August 27, 2018, seven Watershed dams overtopped. Three dams failed in Monroe County. Rainfall amounts up to eleven inches were reported in the evening of August 27 and early morning hours of August 28, 2018, which led to the failure of the dams; and

WHEREAS, the contributing watershed areas for these dams reside in La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon Counties; and

WHEREAS, two dams reside in La Crosse County, seven dams reside in Monroe County, and five dams reside in Vernon County, and they function as a system to provide flood prevention and flood damage reduction benefits in the Coon Creek valley; and

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors, La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon Counties, requested a PLAN-PEIS from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to evaluate the stability, effectiveness, and socio-economic and environmental effects associated with the Watershed dams; and

WHEREAS, the NRCS has completed the PLAN-PEIS; and

WHEREAS, the preferred alternative in the PLAN-PEIS recommends the decommissioning of all fourteen Watershed dams; and

WHEREAS, the preferred alternative in the PLAN-PEIS has a satisfactory benefit to cost ratio and reduces risk to people and property from future dam failures; and

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors acknowledge and accept the public participation (scoping) process in the preparation of the PLAN-PEIS; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors accepts the PLAN-PEIS in collaboration with Monroe County and Vernon County and agrees to enter into a Watershed Agreement with the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture through the NRCS for dam decommissioning in the Coon Creek Watershed in accordance with the terms, conditions, and stipulations provided in the PLAN-PEIS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors does hereby also agree to provide the necessary staff to work with affected landowners on the final disposition of properties affected by dam decommissioning and assist the NRCS with incorporating landowner concerns into the final engineering plans.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Natural Resource Conservation Service to secure a grant to hire a private engineer to complete the designs to facilitate this decommissioning of the above referenced dams.

FISCAL NOTE: Staff time is budgeted in Land Conservation division 100.205.1000 within the County financial system. There is no other direct fiscal impact to La Crosse County at this time.

Date: 08.26.24

[Signature]
COMMITTEE CHAIR

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RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>OK</u>	<u> </u>	Requested By: Matt Hanewall Date Requested: July 28, 2024 Drafted By: Corp Counsel
Fin. Director	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Corp. Counsel	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Board Chair	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19 Day of September, 2024

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 19th day of September 2024.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk