

Dane County Exec. Parisi: Announces grant money available for conservation projects

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Dane County Executive Joe Parisi and the Dane County Environmental Council announced that the County is accepting applications for two grant programs designed to support projects that improve, protect, and enhance Dane County's land and water resources. As part of the Land and Water Legacy Initiative, the Capital Equipment Grant Program will make awards of up to \$2,500 to assist with the purchase or rental of equipment or services that will benefit Dane County conservation projects. In addition, the Community Partners Grant Program will provide up to \$1,000 for small projects that promote environmental education, conservation, and restoration.

"There are many dedicated conservation organizations working to improve our environment," said Parisi. "The County looks forward to partnering with local groups to enhance special places for Dane County's residents to enjoy."

The programs, administered by the Dane County Environmental Council, are competitive. Application forms are due on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 by 5pm CT.

The Dane County Environmental Council is appointed by Parisi and approved by the County Board. The Council's mission is to assist groups in recognizing and protecting natural areas in Dane County and to assume an educational role in the awareness, conservation and protection of the environment.

"The Environmental Council plays an important role in protecting Dane County's land and water resources by partnering with community groups," said Parisi. "I encourage local organizations to join the Council in enhancing the natural areas that make Dane County unique."

Grant applications and guidelines can be downloaded from the Dane County Environmental Council website

at: <http://www.countyofdane.com/commissions/environmentalcouncil>.

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