

Resolution appropriating \$17,917.90 for the creation of a Regional Bluffland Protection Plan.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) has proposed developing a Regional Bluffland Protection Plan as a collaborative effort that includes the City of La Crosse; and

WHEREAS, a regional plan would allow a comprehensive approach for a resource that does not adhere to municipal borders; and

WHEREAS, this Regional Bluffland Protection Plan would be intended to protect our natural resources including wildlife habitat, promote health by creating opportunities for world-class outdoor recreation, and preserve the bluffs' scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, the bluffs provide great value to our residents, visitors, schools and universities, businesses, and other organizations within the City of La Crosse; and

WHEREAS, the LAPC estimates that the cost of hiring a consultant for the planning process will be about \$100,000 and it will provide a 1:1 match for contributions from each participating municipality; and

WHEREAS, the LAPC estimates that the City of La Crosse's share to be \$17,917.90.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of La Crosse hereby appropriates \$17,917.90 from the Reserve Fund account for the City's share to prepare a Regional Bluffland Protection Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee shall participate in the Project Policy Committee for the Regional Bluffland Protection Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council directs the Finance Department, Planning and Development Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and appropriate City officials to take the actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution and to assist in the creation of said plan.