

Resolution designating funds for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and property clean up under the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Land Management Contract.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City recently obtained title to property it purchased through the Bluffland Preservation Program and MVC, and

WHEREAS certain of these properties require timely site cleanup per the DNR's Land Management Contract, and

WHEREAS, certain of these properties participated in the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and

WHEREAS, due to future on-going costs and obligations required under the CRP program, it is no longer desirable to participate in the CRP program, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) cost to discontinue the City's participation and obligations in the CRP program is \$4,389.78 due and payable by May 31, 2013 in order to not incur any additional costs, and

WHEREAS, the City tentatively paid the USDA \$4,389.78 from the 2013 Operating Budget – General Expense Budget, and

WHEREAS, the settlement agreement with the MVC provided that certain funds be returned to the City with restrictions, and

WHEREAS, Bond Counsel has determined that the payment to clean up certain properties to be in compliance with the DNR's Land Management Contract and to discontinue the City's participation in the CRP are eligible costs with which to use said settlement funds,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse, that it hereby appropriates \$4,389.78 from the Bluffland Preservation Program (Fund 486) to reimburse the 2013 Operating Budget – General Expense Budget to allow the City to opt out of the CRP, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby appropriated up to \$20,000.00 from the Bluffland Preservation Program (Fund 486) to comply with the DNR's requirement to cleanup certain property under the Land Management Contract, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it hereby authorizes the City Attorney, Director of Finance, and the Director of Parks and Recreation to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.