

Resolution # 68-09

Resolution to Authorize Polk County Japanese Knotweed Control grant

**County of Polk**

WHEREAS, the health of our lakes, rivers and streams are vital to the health of our public, sustaining us with clean drinking water; and

WHEREAS, our quality of life depends on our natural resources that we use and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, our natural resources provide us with natural beauty and resources to economically sustain ourselves; and

WHEREAS, public use and enjoyment of our water bodies is best served by protection of our local ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Japanese Knotweed is a recognized invasive plant species; and

WHEREAS, Polk County is plagued with the presence of Japanese Knotweed and must manage current infestations and prevent any future infestations; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the need to provide information or education about Japanese Knotweed; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Land and Water Resources Department is qualified to carry out the responsibilities of a Japanese Knotweed control project on behalf of Polk County; and

WHEREAS, Polk County understands the importance of a continuing monitoring and prevention program for the water bodies and citizens of Polk County and intends to proceed on that course.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Polk County Board of Supervisors requests grant funding and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the "Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Program" and hereby authorizes the Director of the Polk County Land and Water Resources Department to act on behalf of Polk County to:

- Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for rapid response and control of Japanese Knotweed;
- sign documents;
- take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved AIS Control Grant for Japanese Knotweed; and
- submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of the project completion date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Polk County Board of Supervisors will meet the obligations of the Japanese Knotweed control grant project including timely publication of the results and meet the financial obligations under the Japanese Knotweed Control grant including our commitment of 25% of the project costs.

Funding Amount:       \$ 6627.87  
Funding Source:       Not Applicable

Finance Advised: Not Applicable

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Finance Recommendation: Not Applicable

Approved as to form: Jeffrey B. Fuge  
Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

Date Submitted to County Board:

Effective: Upon passage

Submitted Upon the Recommendation of the Land Conservation Committee made on September 9<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Kathryn Kestel 9/1/09  
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County Board Action: Adopted this day 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept., 2009  
By a vote of: \_\_\_\_\_ in favor \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_ abstain voice vote

BY: Carole Y. Wondra 9-15-09  
Carole Wondra, Clerk of Polk County

