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DANE COUNTY BOARD EYES CAM-ROCK PARK ADDITION
Will add more public land at popular mountain biking destination

The Dane County Board is moving forward on an addition to Cam-Rock County Park that will protect water resources while increasing recreational opportunities.

The Personnel and Finance Committee this week unanimously approved a resolution to add 48 acres to the scenic park that straddles Koshkonong Creek in eastern Dane County.

Cam-Rock was listed as the No. 1 mountain bike trail in Wisconsin by the Singletracks.com, a national blog and website. The 440-acre park is also popular with hikers, paddlers, and cross country skiers.

“Cam-Rock is a truly a four season draw for outdoors-minded people,” said P&F committee chair Jenni Dye. “We’re thrilled to be part of the ongoing expansion of this gem of the Dane County park system.”

Final approval of the purchase is expected by the full County Board at its regular meeting on Thursday, April 6, at the City-County Building in Madison at 7 p.m.

The Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan recommends the acquisition of more land at Cam-Rock County Park, which has become a regional draw for mountain bikers from around the Midwest. It features hilly, narrow trails developed by local bike enthusiasts.

“All the trail development there was done by volunteers,” said Nelson Donovan, past president of Capitol Off Road Pathfinders. “It’s great to hear Dane County is adding more property to the park.”

The addition is on the north end of the park. Owned by the Scott Family, the parcel sits within the village of Cambridge and includes nearly 500 linear feet of frontage on Koshkonong Creek.

This acquisition will meet multiple objectives of the open space plan, including permanent protection of land and river resources. It will also improve pedestrian access to the park from the village.

The \$610,000 purchase provides for a lease of the crop land to Richard Scott for five years. Funds are available in the Dane County Conservation Fund.

“There is no question the citizens of Dane County value a healthy environment along with places to have fun,” said County Board Chair Sharon Corrigan. “This is another step forward in securing the high quality of life we all enjoy here.”

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