

STATE OF WISCONSIN:: VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD:: MILWAUKEE COUNTY

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Resolution # 2015- 04

Supporting the Continued Protection of Downer Woods

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WHEREAS, the Village of Shorewood has one of Wisconsin’s densest urban populations with limited recreational and natural areas; and

WHEREAS, Downer Woods is an 11.1-acre urban woodland preserve directly bordering the Village of Shorewood to the south along Edgewood Avenue and is the sole remaining natural area on the University of Milwaukee campus; and

WHEREAS, Downer Woods provides a buffer between the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee (UWM) and the surrounding Shorewood neighbors thus protecting their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Shorewood has experienced substantial basement back-ups and flooding in recent years and the Downer Woods provide a green infrastructure which retains substantial amounts of rain water; and

WHEREAS, Downer Woods are treasured by both Village of Shorewood residents, the UW-Milwaukee campus and surrounding neighborhoods as unique urban woodland offering a system of trails and natural vegetation; and


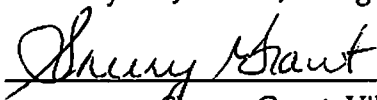
WHEREAS, Downer Woods is a publicly-accessible woodland conservancy currently protected by Chapter 36 of the Wisconsin Code; and

WHEREAS, Downer Woods provides invaluable opportunities for recreation and scientific study, as well as adding to the natural beauty of the Shorewood area and the UW-Milwaukee campus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Shorewood opposes the repeal of sections from Chapter 36 State Statutes which protect Downer Woods as precious assets, as well as any other attempts to endanger them or change their protected status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Shorewood urges the State Legislature to reject this proposed change in State Statutes, and affirm support for maintaining the current protected status of Downer Woods.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

  
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Guy W. Johnson, Village President  
  
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Sherry Grant, Village Clerk