

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 146-2002-2004

RE: ESTABLISHING THE PORTAGE COUNTY  
LAND PRESERVATION FUND COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The importance of open space to the quality of life was confirmed when the Portage County Board of Supervisors approved the Portage County Open Space Plan 2000 on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2000; and

WHEREAS, The October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1999 Portage County Open Space Survey documented that a majority of Portage County residents would be willing to pay more in taxes if they knew the additional money would go towards purchase and maintenance of open space; and

WHEREAS, The Portage County Land Preservation Fund will be established for the purpose of identifying and protecting natural, cultural, historic, and/or agricultural areas in Portage County by acquiring land and/or easements; and

WHEREAS, The Portage County Land Preservation Fund will be established and funding would come from the prior years general government excess budgetary funds capped at a maximum of \$100,000 a year. This would continue until the Finance Committee would deem a new resolution appropriate to overturn the funding; and

WHEREAS, The Portage County Land Preservation Fund will also include donations, grants and other matching funds; and

WHEREAS, The Portage County Land Preservation Fund Committee will be established and consist of three members which will include one each from the Finance Committee, Park Commission, and Planning and Zoning Committee; three citizen members with background and experience in finance, conservation, planning, or agriculture; and one non-voting staff member each from the Finance Department, Parks Department and Planning and Zoning Department.

WHEREAS, The Land Preservation Fund Committee will prioritize and send its recommendations to the Park Commission for approval.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the Portage County Land Preservation Fund Committee which has the authority to establish the Portage County Land Preservation Fund as set forth above for the purpose of identifying and protecting natural, cultural, historic, and/or agricultural areas in Portage County.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2003

Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

*Dwight Stevens*  
DWIGHT STEVENS, PRESIDENT

excused  
WILLIAM PETERSON, VICE PRESIDENT

*W. William Zimdars*  
W. WILLIAM ZIMDARS, SECRETARY

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RON BORSKI

*Mary Devine Giese*  
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*Dan Trainer*  
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*Mike Zdroik*  
MIKE ZDROIK

COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

aye  
LONNIE KROGWOLD, CHAIR

aye  
DOUGLAS WARNER, VICE CHAIR

aye  
JAMES GIFFORD

aye  
RICHARD PURCELL

aye  
DWIGHT STEVENS