

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5493**

**CITY OF KAUKAUNA  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REAUTHORIZATION OF THE STATE FUNDING FOR KNOWLES-  
NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation Per Ch. 23 . 09 I 5(2c) (d), Wis. Stats.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is set to expire in 2026 and the program has supported land acquisition and capital development by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), local governments, and nonprofit conservation organizations to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and expand outdoor recreation for public benefit around the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kaukauna has directly benefited over the years having received Stewardship grant funds totaling over \$400,000 to provide much needed and necessary improvements to Fox Locks, the Konkopot Trail, and the City's parks and trail systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the elected officials of the City of Kaukauna consider the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program a valuable tool to preserve and restore natural areas, wildlife habitat, and water quality while supporting the development of public nature-based outdoor recreation opportunities that promote economic development and enhance the quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Kaukauna does hereby express to the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor our full support for the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and request that sufficient funding annually be allocated to support projects over the next 10-year period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Kaukauna directs that the Mayor forward a copy of this resolution to the offices of each of our State Legislators and the Office of the Governor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Kaukauna, duly assembled this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, hereby supports the reauthorization of state funding for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

Introduced and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony J. Penterman, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kayla Nessmann, City Clerk