## **RESOLUTION 2011-41**

## DEDICATING THE DUANE R. HOFSTETTER CONSERVATION PARK AS A SCHOOL FOREST

WHEREAS, the Duane R Hofstetter Conservation Park (the "Park") is part of the Village of Mount Horeb park system; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Horeb Area School District ("MHASD") is requesting designation of the Park as a school forest; and

WHEREAS, designating the Park as a school forest will: 1) allow free forest management assistance from the WI DNR county foresters, and assistance from the Wisconsin Outdoor Forestry Educational Specialist; 2) enable the Park to be eligible for a variety of free seedling species from the WI DNR's nurseries for planting in the Park; and 3) enable MHASD to apply for grants through the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board which supports environmental education for registered school forests; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Mount Horeb retains all ownership and control of the Park with permission given to MHASD to use the land as an educational site; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Mount Horeb Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission unanimously approved a recommendation to designate the Park as a school forest; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Mount Horeb and MHASD will benefit from the designation of the Park as a school forest for educational and recreational purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board of the Village of Mount Horeb does hereby recognize the Duane R Hofstetter Conservation Park as a school forest.

Introduced and passed this 7th day of December, 2011.

David L Becker, Village President

ATTEST:

Cheryl J Sutter Clerk/Treasurer