

CONSERVATION EASEMENT

[Development name, if applicable; Property Owner]

This Conservation Easement is made by and between the **City of Franklin**, a municipal corporation of the State of Wisconsin, hereinafter referred to as “Grantee,” and _____ *[Property Owner]* _____, a _____ *[entity type, e.g., Wisconsin Limited Liability Company]* _____, hereinafter referred to as “Grantor,” and shall become effective upon the recording of this Grant of Conservation Easement, together with the Acceptance following, with the Office of the Register of Deeds for Milwaukee County, pursuant to § 700.40(2)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Grantor is the owner in fee simple of certain real property, located within the City of Franklin, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, described in Exhibit A attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof (protected property); and

WHEREAS, the Grantor desires and intends that the natural elements and the ecological and aesthetic values of the protected property including, without limitation, *[list the specific resources on the protected property and the Natural Resource Protection Plan date and preparer and any revisions thereto]*, which Plan is on file in the office of the City of Franklin Department of City Development, be preserved and maintained by the continuation of land use that will not interfere with or substantially disrupt the natural elements or the workings of natural systems; and

WHEREAS, Grantee is a “holder”, as contemplated by § 700.40(1)(b)1. of the Wisconsin Statutes, whose purposes include, while exercising regulatory authority granted to it, *inter alia*, under § 62.23 and § 236.45 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the conservation of land, natural areas, open space and water areas; and

WHEREAS, the Grantor and Grantee, by the conveyance to the Grantee of the conservation easement on, over and across the protected property, desire to conserve the natural values thereof and prevent the use or development of the protected property for any purpose or in any manner inconsistent with the terms of this conservation easement; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee is willing to accept this conservation easement subject to the reservations and to the covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions set out herein and imposed hereby;

WHEREAS, _____ *[Mortgage Holder]* _____, mortgagee of the protected property (“Mortgagee”), consents to the grant of this conservation easement by Grantor to Grantee and Mortgagee’s consent is attached hereto and identified as “Mortgage Holder Consent”.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Grantor, for and in consideration of the foregoing recitations and of the mutual covenants, terms, conditions, and restrictions subsequently contained, and as an absolute and unconditional dedication, does hereby grant and convey unto the Grantee a conservation easement in perpetuity on, over and across the protected property.

Grantee’s rights hereunder shall consist solely of the following:

1. To view the protected property in its natural, scenic, and open condition;
2. To enforce by proceeding at law or in equity the covenants subsequently set forth, including, and in addition to all other enforcement proceedings, proceedings to obtain all penalties and remedies set forth under Division 15-9.0500 of the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Franklin, as amended from time to time, any violation of the covenants subsequently set forth being and constituting a violation of such Unified Development Ordinance, as amended from time to time, or such local applicable ordinance as may be later adopted or in effect to enforce such covenants or the purposes for which they are made, it being agreed that there shall be no waiver or forfeiture of the Grantee’s right to insure compliance with the covenants and conditions of this grant by reason of any prior failure to act; and
3. To enter the protected property at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspecting the protected property to determine if the Grantor is complying with the covenants and conditions of this grant.

And in furtherance of the foregoing affirmative rights of the Grantee, the Grantor makes the following covenants which shall run with and bind the protected property in perpetuity, namely, that, on, over or across the protected property, the Grantor, without the prior consent of the Grantee, shall not:

1. Construct or place buildings or any structure;

Exhibit A