

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Lori Williams
INITIATED BY

Public Works & Parks
Advisory Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Lori Williams, Parks Director
DRAFTED BY

November 21, 2011
DATE DRAFTED

Authorizing Application for the Natural Resources Foundation's C.D. Besadny Conservation Grant for Magnolia Bluff Park State Natural Area Kittentail Restoration

1 WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Foundation has a community grant program for public and
2 private organizations or government agencies working on natural resource projects and programs at
3 a small-scale, local level; and,
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5 WHEREAS, the County designated portions of Magnolia Bluff County Park and Carver-Roehl
6 County Park as Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources State Natural Areas in November
7 2010; and,
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9 WHEREAS, the Parks Division desires to restore an area of Magnolia Bluff Park that contains
10 kittentails, a state threatened plant, to a low-grass savanna; and,
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12 WHEREAS, three years ago this section of the park was turned into a "no mow zone" encouraging
13 the kittentail population to expand and allowed identification of other remnant native species; and,
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15 WHEREAS, the Parks division would like to augment this area with native seeds and plugs to
16 create a permanent restoration site.
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18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
19 assembled this 15th day of December, 2011 hereby authorizes the Parks
20 Director to act on behalf of Rock County to submit a grant application to the Natural Resources
21 Foundation's C.D. Besadny Conservation Grant for \$1,000 to restore a portion of the State Natural
22 Area in Magnolia Bluff Park.

Respectfully submitted,
Public Works Committee

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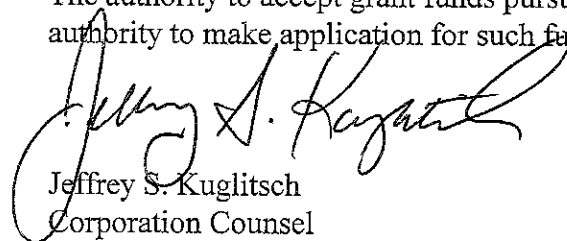
This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and therefore has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.



Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

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Sections of Magnolia Bluff and Carver-Roehl County Parks were designated as State Natural Areas (SNA) in November 2010. The parks were selected based on their habitat quality and diversity, extent of past disturbance, context within the greater landscape, and rarity of features on local and global scales.

The Natural Resource Foundation's C.D. Besadny Conservation grant program gives priority to proposals that address rare and endangered species and State Natural Area support – which are both addressed in this project.

The Parks Division received a \$1,000 grant from this program in 2011 to produce two State Natural Area educational signs.

This year, we are requesting funds to purchase seeds and plugs to restore an important portion of the State Natural Area in Magnolia Bluff Park to a low-grass savanna. This portion of the park contains kittentails, a state threatened plant. For the last few years, this section of the park has been turned into a “no mow zone” which allowed the kittentails to produce seeds and their population has increased to over 350 plants. The no mow zone currently includes a few remnant native species, but we would like to augment this area with native seeds and plugs to create a permanent restoration area. Thus, creating a savanna with short-grasses and native flowers that is visually appealing while encouraging the kittentails to produce seeds and increase their population.

The Besadny Conservation Grant is a 50/50 match, a maximum of \$1,000 is awarded. Matching funds will come from staff and volunteer time to prepare the site, spread seeds and plant plugs.