

# RESOLUTION

## ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee  
Initiated by

Public Works Committee  
& Parks Advisory Committee  
Submitted by



John Traynor, Parks Manager  
Drafted by

July 1, 2020  
Date Drafted

### AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS

1 **WHEREAS**, the legislature of the State of Wisconsin enacted legislation providing for allocation to  
 2 the respective counties in the state on an acreage basis for the county/tribal fish and wildlife habitat  
 3 projects on the condition that the counties match the state allocation; and  
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 5 **WHEREAS**, Rock County desires to participate in county/tribal fish and wildlife habitat projects  
 6 pursuant to provisions of s.23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes.  
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 8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors, this 13<sup>th</sup>  
 9 day of August, 2020, that the Board is hereby authorized to expend the funds appropriated  
 10 and the funds to be received from the State of Wisconsin for the improvement of the fish and wildlife  
 11 habitat projects, and to operate and maintain or to cause to be operated and maintained the project for  
 12 its intended purpose.  
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 14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Parks  
 15 Manager to act on behalf of Rock County to submit a state grant application to the Wisconsin  
 16 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for 2020 financial aid for county/tribal fish and wildlife  
 17 habitat projects; sign documents; and the necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the  
 18 approved projects.

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Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

/s/ Rick Richard  
Rick Richard, Chair

/s/ Mary Mawhinney  
Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

/s/ Mike Mulligan  
Mike Mulligan

/s/ Yuri Rashkin  
Yuri Rashkin

/s/ Bob Yeomans  
Bob Yeomans

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

/s/ Floyd Finney  
Floyd Finney

/s/ Dean Paynter  
Dean Paynter

/s/ Tom Presny  
Tom Presny

FISCAL NOTE:

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.

*/s/ Sherry Oja*

Sherry Oja  
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.

*/s/ Richard Greenlee*

Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

*/s/ Josh Smith*

Josh Smith  
County Administrator

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -  
**AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH  
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR  
COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS GRANT FUNDS**

Each Wisconsin County is allocated a certain amount of money annually to fund small projects on a 50/50 match basis. Rock County may apply for a maximum of \$1,927 in 2020 for use from October 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022. Additional funds may be available after initial funds are distributed. Grant funds unclaimed by a county by the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline will first be reallocated to other counties in the same DNR region that have requested additional project funds. Though this funding source requires a 50% match by the County, all time and materials supplied by the Parks and Highway Divisions, as well as other community resources may be used as in-kind match.

Rock County Parks plans to use this funding source to complete the cleanup of the arboretum and trails at Lee Park. A storm in 2008 knocked down trees and scattered debris throughout Lee Park. The downed trees and debris blocked the hiking/nature trails and littered the arboretum. Park crews started cleaning up the trees and debris, but more work is needed to complete the process. Lee Park is a beautiful wooded 40 acre park and is located at 9205 East State Hwy 67 in Clinton, WI. This park features hiking/nature trails, 8 acre arboretum, picnic shelter, softball diamond, and a newer restroom facility. Once the cleanup work is completed, it will improve the views and access to the arboretum and hiking/nature trails at Lee Park.

