

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
Initiated by

Public Works Committee
& Parks Advisory Committee
Submitted by



Lori Williams, Parks Director
Drafted by

February 27, 2017
Date Drafted

ACCEPTANCE OF RECREATIONAL TRAIL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR BELOIT TO JANESVILLE CONNECTOR TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENDING THE PARKS BUDGET

1 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Parks has been engaged in the Beloit-Janesville Bicycle Route Corridor
2 Master Plan and Feasibility Study, and has contributed towards the selection of preferred routes
3 from the City of Janesville to the City of Beloit, including routes which pass through Rock County
4 and Town of Beloit-owned lands and rights-of-way; and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, volunteer groups are pledging partnerships and funding to help make this trail a
7 reality working with Rock County to obtain possible easements and state and federal grants for
8 funding.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has finalized easements; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, Rock County applied for DNR Recreation Trails Stewardship grant funds pursuant to
13 provisions of s.23.09(11) of the Wisconsin Statutes and as authorized by county board resolution 16-
14 4C-014 on the 28th day of April, 2016 to develop and maintain Beloit to Janesville trail sections for
15 public outdoor recreation purposes as described in the application; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, matching grant funds Grant# RTP-842-16D totaling \$45,000 were awarded from the
18 Wisconsin DNR and a resolution accepting the same is required by the County.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
21 assembled this 23rd day of March, 2017 does hereby approve the acceptance of these funds; and
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23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Parks Director be authorized to file all necessary
24 documents for administration and reimbursement of this program; and
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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Parks Director be authorized and directed to sign the grant
27 agreements and that these documents be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural
28 Resources; and
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30 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Department of Public Works Parks Division 2017 Budget
31 be amended as follows:

	Budget as of 3/1/17	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
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34	<u>Sources of Funds Parks:</u>		
35	41-4592-4800-42200	- 0 -	\$ 45,000
36	DNR Conservation Grant		
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38	<u>Use of Funds Parks:</u>		
39	41-4592-4800-67200	\$297,800	\$342,800
40	Capital Improvements		

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Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Absent
Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

Paul Fox
Brent Fox, Vice-Chair

Eva M. Arnold
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Absent
Rick Richard

Brenton Driscoll
Brenton Driscoll

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tom Presny
Tom Presny

Floyd Finney
Floyd Finney

Dean Paynter
Dean Paynter

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith
Josh Smith
County Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 3-0

Mary Mawhinney
Mary Mawhinney, Chair

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of \$45,000 in State Aid for Beloit-Janesville connector trail improvements. This project is being funded by the grant, \$5,000 of in-kind donations by the Rock Trail Coalition and \$50,000 in sales tax revenue currently in the Park's budget.

Sherry Oja
Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2017 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
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Corporation Counsel

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

**ACCEPTANCE OF RECREATIONAL TRAIL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR BELOIT TO JANESVILLE
CONNECTOR TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENDING THE PARKS BUDGET**

We have finalized the easements for the Beloit to Janesville Trail. One of the focuses of the POROS plan is making the trail system sustainable, including development and maintenance.

In order to move forward on this project, the Parks Division applied for Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Stewardship Funds. This grant program prioritizes projects that develop new partnership trails. The project will establish a gravel bike trail from Bass Creek Road to Big Hill Park on Duggan Road and Walters Road.

The grant being awarded requires at least 50/50 match of local funds. The anticipated project is \$100,000 of which \$45,000 will be Rec Trail Grant Funds. The local match is included in the 2017 Park's capital budget in the amount of \$50,000 with combined funds and volunteer efforts from the Rock Trail Coalition of \$5,000.

A hired contractor specializing in sustainable trail design will complete trail reconstruction and maintenance work. Competitive bids will be solicited during 2017. The work will be completed during 2017 if possible. Trail volunteers will be rallied to assist parks staff and/or the contractor with clearing and construction of trail sections.

The grant requires a 50/50 match of local funds. The local match is included in the 2017 Park's capital budget, however the grant funds were not included during the budget process as they were awarded in February 2017, thus requiring a budget amendment.