

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



Lori Williams, Parks Director
DRAFTED BY

Public Works & Planning Committees
SUBMITTED BY

January 27, 2015
DATE DRAFTED

Adoption of the Rock County Parks, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space (POROS) Plan

1 **WHEREAS**, it is good management practice for the Rock County Parks Division to have a long-
2 range plan for its operation and assets; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, Rock County needs to update the 2009-2014 POROS Plan in order to remain eligible
5 for State, Federal, and foundation grants, which along with local matching funds can be used to
6 help improve the County's parks, outdoor recreation facilities, and open space areas to the benefit
7 of Rock County Citizens; and,
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9 **WHEREAS**, the proposed Rock County 2015-2020 POROS Plan is comprised of an Introduction,
10 Current Parks & Recreation Services, Community Needs Assessment, Goals & Objectives, and
11 Plan Implementation, and Maps and Park Conceptual Master Plans; and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, the POROS planning process included a data layering process that used extensive
14 public participation including a Delphi Committee, mail, email, and phone surveys, staff input
15 sessions, and public input sessions; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, the 2015-2020 POROS Plan goals and priorities recommended by the Public Works,
18 Parks Advisory, and Planning & Development Committees are based on this extensive process of
19 public input; and,
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21 **WHEREAS**, the POROS plan is intended to be used by the Rock County Board of Supervisors to
22 direct the Public Works Parks Advisory Committee and Parks Director and County Staff to pursue
23 appropriate park, outdoor recreation and open space items and projects; and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, the proposed POROS Plan has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by
26 both the Parks and Planning Department Staffs; and,
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28 **WHEREAS**, the proposed POROS Plan is consistent with the Rock County Comprehensive
29 Plan 2035.
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31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this
32 12th day of February, 2015, hereby adopts the 2015-2020 Rock County Parks, Outdoor
33 Recreation, and Open Space Plan chapter twelve of the Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035;
34 and,
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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors shall pursue the
37 implementation of the Rock County Parks, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan as
38 opportunities and resources are presented and available.

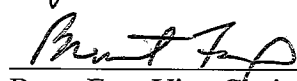
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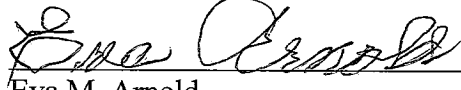
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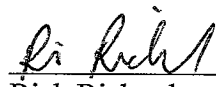
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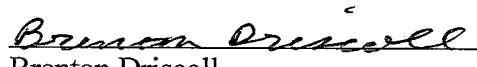
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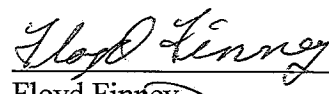

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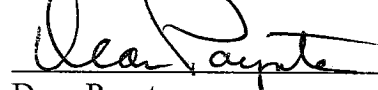

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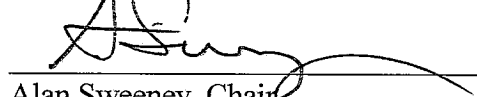
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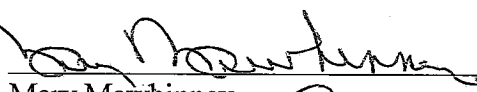
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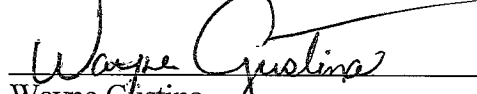

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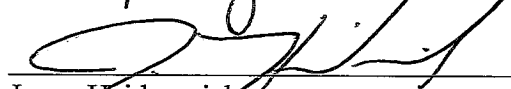
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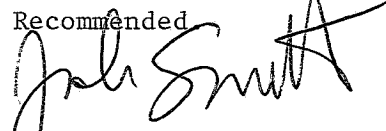

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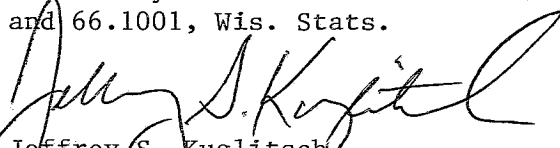
FISCAL NOTE:

Adoption of the POROS Plan has no fiscal impact in and by itself.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.69(1) and 66.1001, Wis. Stats.


Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
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– EXECUTIVE SUMMARY –

Rock County Park, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan (POROS)

In order to remain eligible for state, federal and foundation grants, Rock County needs to update the POROS Plan. These grant funds, along with local matching funds can continue to be utilized to help improve the county's parks, outdoor recreation facilities, and open space areas to the benefit of Rock County citizens quality of life. The Plan has a five-year planning horizon. It will need to be updated in 2020 for the next five-year planning period.

The POROS planning process included a data gathering process that used extensive public participation including a Delphi Committee, email, mail and telephone surveys, staff input sessions, and public input sessions.

The proposed Rock County POROS Plan is one document and includes the following sections: 1) An Introduction including discussion of previous planning efforts, purpose and goals of the plan, 2) current assessment of Rock County Park System, 3) Community Needs Assessment, 4) Goals, Objectives and Policies, 5) Plan Implementation, and 6) Maps and Park conceptual master plans.

We realize that this is ambitious, but without enumeration, those projects would not be eligible for grant or other funding options.

A total of \$1,140,000 in capital projects was completed over the last five years as a result of having a POROS plan and being eligible for various grant opportunities. Grant funded dollars and ATC funds accounted for approximately \$815,000 of the improvements with \$325,000 funded by Rock County.

The proposed POROS Plan has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by both the Parks and Planning Department Staffs. The proposed POROS Plan update is consistent with the Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035 and will be updated as chapter twelve of the plan.