

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
INITIATED BY



Lori A. Williams, Parks Director  
DRAFTED BY

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
SUBMITTED BY

September 27, 2017  
DATE DRAFTED

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF RYE FARMS INC. PROPERTY AND AMENDING THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - PARKS DIVISION BUDGET**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Department of Public Works Parks Division was approached by Rye  
2 Farms Inc. regarding the County’s interest in purchasing 1.52 acres of their property located east of the  
3 State Highway 140 bridge over Turtle Creek in Bradford Township, north of the Village of Clinton,  
4 Wisconsin for use as part of the County Parks System; and,  
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works Parks Division toured the property, which has access for  
7 canoeing, kayaking, and fishing to Turtle Creek, which the Wisconsin Department of Natural  
8 Resources has identified as an “Exceptional Water Resource”; and,  
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Parks Division believes this land provides an exciting opportunity for the County to  
11 develop this land for recreational use by the general public; and,  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the County has completed a preliminary Certified Survey Map (CSM) of the property, a  
14 copy of which is attached hereto; and,  
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16 **WHEREAS**, prior to the purchase of the property, the Rock County Planning and Development  
17 Committee and the Town of Bradford will need to approve the requested land division as this property  
18 is a remnant that was created by the State Highway 140 Right of Way and a requested zoning change  
19 will need to be approved by the Town of Bradford; and,  
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Public Works Parks Division will need to make necessary site improvements to the  
22 land if it is purchased by the County; and,  
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24 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Trail Coalition has committed \$3,000 as a contribution toward \$16,000  
25 purchase price.  
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly  
28 assembled this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017 does hereby authorize the purchase  
29 of Rye Farms Inc. property, located at State Highway 140, East Creek Road in Clinton, WI, for the  
30 sum of \$16,000, which is to include a \$3,000 contribution from the Rock County Trail Coalition and;  
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32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board Chair and the County Clerk be authorized to  
33 execute legal documents related to the sale transaction on behalf of the County, but only after the land  
34 division has been properly approved and the Town of Bradford has rezoned the property.  
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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Department of Public Works Parks Division budget be amended as  
37 follows:  
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Account No.	Budget	Increase/Decrease	Amended
Description	2017		Budget
Source of Funds:	0	\$3,000	\$3,000
41-4592-4800-4600			
Contributions			
Use of Funds:			
41-4592-4800-67200	\$342,800	\$3,000	\$345,800

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Respectfully submitted:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Betty Jo Bussie  
Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

Absent

Brent Fox  
Brent Fox, Vice Chair

Absent

Eva M. Arnold

Rick Richard

Rick Richard

Brenton Driscoll

Brenton Driscoll

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Absent  
Tom Presny

/s/Floyd Finney  
Floyd Finney

/s/Dean Paynter  
Dean Paynter

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 5-0

Mary Mawhinney  
Mary Mawhinney, Chair

Date

FISCAL NOTE:

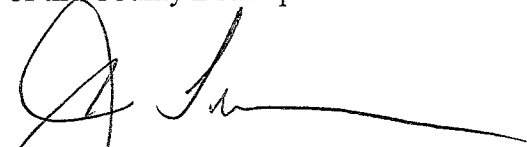
Sufficient funds remain in the Parks' 2017 budget for the County share of the purchase price due to other projects being under budget. However, the purchase of additional property will also add to our annual maintenance and improvement costs.



Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the 2017 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.



Jodi Timmerman  
Interim Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Increasing County park land is consistent with Goal 12.16 (“Acquire additional park space to address gaps in level of service”) of Rock County’s Parks, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space (POROS) plan, and land donations are a cost-effective way to acquire and preserve natural spaces. I should note that in the 2018 budget I did not recommend the Public Works Department’s request to add 1.0 FTE staff to help with maintaining the growing park system.



Josh Smith  
County Administrator

## Executive Summary

### Authorizing Purchase of Rye Farms 140 Property

The purpose of this Resolution is to authorize the purchase of the Rye Farms HWY 140 property as a canoe/kayak launch for the Department of Public Works Parks Division. It also authorizes the County Board Chairman and County Clerk to execute required documents to effect the sale.

The Rye Farms Inc. approached the County in early 2017 to gauge interest in the Rye Farms Property on HWY 140. The Committee has expressed interest in acquiring the property. The Department of Public Works Parks Division has toured the creek front property that has a great creek access at the 140 Bridge. Possible uses for the site include canoeing, kayaking, fishing, and parking.

This purchase is of approximately 1.52 acres of land and an existing paved driveway, parking area, and canoe/kayak launch purchase price of \$16,000. We also have a \$3,000 commitment of contribution from the Rock County Trail Coalition towards the purchase. The site will require minor modifications and maintenance. The Department has already invested \$1,500 on professional services for appraisal and survey work done by the county. Therefore, the total estimated cost of the project is \$16,000 and staff time and is within county negotiation parameters. The appraisal was paid for through the Rock County Green Fund.



Rye Farms Property  
10-4-2016



1 inch = 89 feet  
Airphoto: 2015

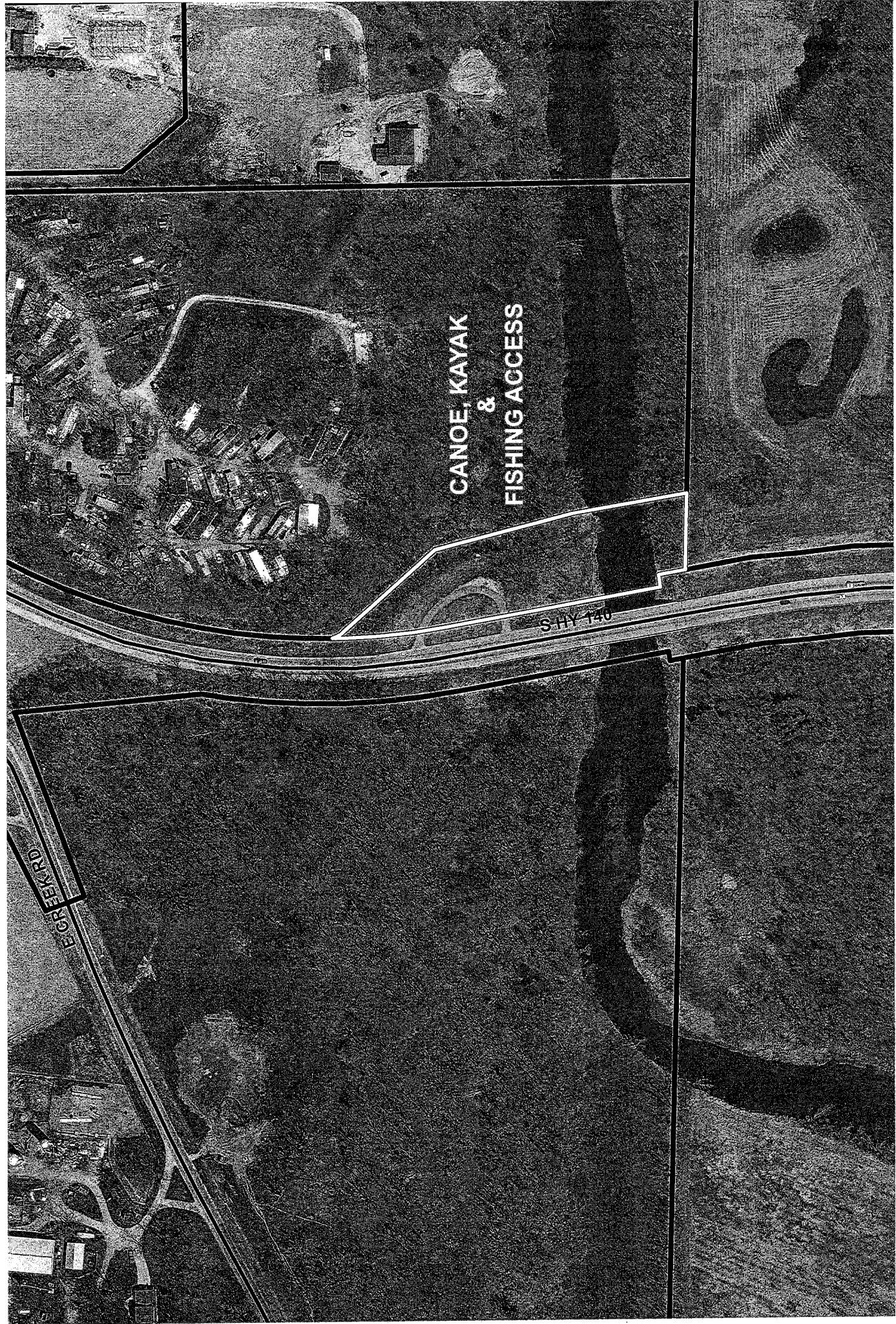
This resolution also authorizes use of surplus funds from other projects in the Capital Budget funds in The Public Works Parks Division budget. There are currently surplus funds available in the 2017 capital improvement budget to cover this expense.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lori Williams*

Lori A. Williams  
Parks Director





**Rock Co. Public Works Parks Division**  
**Proposed Purchase - Turtle Creek Access**

**Legend**

— 911 Roads

□ Tax Parcels

**Airphoto: Spring 2016**  
 1 inch = 200 feet



Rock County Geographic Information System GIS  
 Rock County Planning, Economic and Community Development Agency

