

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
Initiated by

Lori Williams, Parks Director
Drafted by

Public Works Committee
& Parks Advisory Committee
Submitted by



April 18, 2016
Date Drafted

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR WARREN KNOWLES-GAYLORD NELSON STEWARDSHIP GRANT FUNDS

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Rock County desires to participate in stewardship grant funded projects pursuant to provisions
- 2 of s.23.09(11) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, matching grant funds are available from the Wisconsin DNR and a resolution of application
- 5 for Stewardship Grant Funds is required; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, Rock County is interested in developing lands for public outdoor recreation purposes as
- 8 described in the application; and,
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Parks has been engaged in the Beloit-Janesville Bicycle Route Corridor
- 11 Master Plan and Feasibility Study, and has contributed towards the selection of preferred routes from the
- 12 City of Janesville to the City of Beloit, including routes which pass through Rock County and Town of
- 13 Beloit-owned lands and rights-of-way; and,
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- 15 **WHEREAS**, volunteer groups are pledging partnerships and funding to help make this trail a reality
- 16 working with Rock County to obtain possible easements and state and federal grants for funding.
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- 18 **WHEREAS**, Rock County is in the final stages of finalizing easements; and,
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- 20 **WHEREAS**, financial aid is required to carry out the project; and,
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- 22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this 28th
- 23 day of April, 2016, hereby authorizes Lori Williams, Parks Director, Parks Division-Public Works
- 24 Department, to act on behalf of Rock County to work with the Rock Trail Coalition and submit an
- 25 application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Grant
- 26 Program for financial aid.

16-4C-014

Respectfully submitted,
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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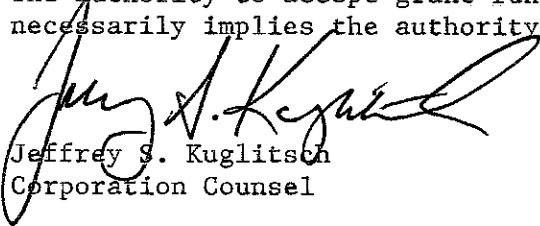
This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and therefore has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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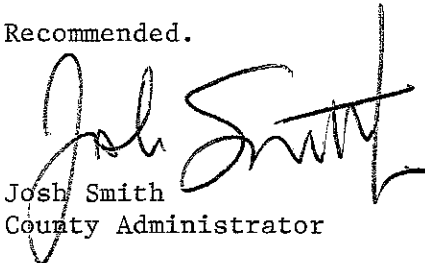
The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -
**AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH
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We are in the final stages of finalizing 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 desires to apply for Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Stewardship Funds. This grant program prioritizes projects that develop new partnership trails. The project will establish gravel bike trail from Bass Creek Road to Big Hill Park on Duggan Road and Walters Road.

The grant being applied for requires a 50/50 match of local funds. The anticipated project is \$100,000 of which approximately \$50,000 would be Stewardship Funds. The local match would be budgeted in the 2017 Park's Capital Budget with combined funds and volunteer efforts from the Rock Trail Coalition.