

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

March 28, 2013
Date Drafted

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF LONG-TERM EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY ALONG THE BELOIT TO JANESVILLE TRAIL FROM THE TOWN OF BELOIT

1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Department of Public Works Parks Division has been engaged in the
2 Beloit to Janesville Bicycle Route Corridor Master Plan and Feasibility Study, and has contributed
3 towards the selection of preferred routes from the City of Janesville to the City of Beloit, including
4 routes which pass through Rock County 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 reality
7 working with Rock County to obtain possible easements and state and federal grants for funding; and,
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors by recommendation of Public Works Committee and
10 Parks Advisory Committee on January 26, 2012 resolved to endorse the Corridor Master Plan and
11 Feasibility Study by resolution 12-2B-600 on February 23, 2012; and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has been offered a long-term easement agreement of a parcel no more than 50
14 feet wide; from where the C&NW rail right of way crossed Duggan Road through Beloit Township
15 property to Big Hill Park; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, the Parks Division has found the easement to be an opportunity for the Department to
18 expand the Beloit – Janesville Trail.
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20 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
21 this 11th day of April, 2013 does hereby authorize the acceptance of the long-term
22 easement agreement of a parcel no more than 50 feet wide; from where the C&NW rail right of way
23 crossed Duggan Road through Beloit Township property to Big Hill Park, from the Beloit Township, WI;
24 and,
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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board Chair and the County Clerk be authorized to
27 execute legal documents related to the long-term easement agreement on behalf of the County.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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Kurtis Yankee, Chair

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Betty Jo Bussie, Vice-Chair

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the acceptance of a long-term easement from the Town of Beloit for the Beloit to Janesville trail. No direct fiscal impact in and by itself.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action by sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats.



Eugene R. Dumas
Deputy Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -
**AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF
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BELOIT TO JANESVILLE TRAIL FROM THE TOWN OF BELOIT**

Rock County Parks was contacted by Beloit Township in regards to a long-term easement agreement along the Beloit to Janesville Trail. **Property Description Parcels number 6-2-15A, 6-2-112**

A 50 foot wide easement from Duggan Road to Walters Rd. Proceed along the west side of Walters Road south to the Beloit Township Wastewater Treatment Plant property (just south of the DNR property). Then along the river to the abandoned C&NW rail right of way at Big Hill Park. **Sec/Town/Ranges 2-1-12, 11-1-12**

Trail easement area in yellow



The Public Works Committee voted unanimously in favor of pursuing the acceptance of this land donation at their August 14, 2012 meeting.