

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY

Lori Williams, Parks Director
DRAFTED BY

Public Works Committee
& Parks Advisory Comm.
SUBMITTED BY



August 21, 2012
DATE DRAFTED

**ADOPTION OF THE ROCK COUNTY PARKS
ADA ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, it is good management practice for the Rock County Parks Division to evaluate and have long-
- 2 range plans for its parks operations, and assets in regards to accessibility requirements; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, state and federal regulatory standards were used as the basis for evaluation of the facilities; and,
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- 6 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Parks Division has prepared an assessment of park facilities for compliance with
- 7 applicable state and federal accessibility guidelines; and,
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- 9 **WHEREAS**, the Parks Division has prepared a report that identifies improvements needed to bring facilities up
- 10 to these standards to the maximum extent possible; and,
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- 12 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Parks ADA Assessment and Improvement Plan is intended to be used by the Rock
- 13 County Board of Supervisors to direct the Public Works Committee and County staff to pursue appropriate
- 14 projects in Rock County Park facilities; and,
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- 16 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Parks ADA Assessment and Improvement Plan has been reviewed and
- 17 recommended for adoption by the Public Works Committee and Parks Division staff.
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- 19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this 27 day of
- 20 September, 2012, hereby adopts the Rock County Parks ADA Assessment and Improvement Plan; and,
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- 22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors shall pursue the implementation of
- 23 the Rock County Parks ADA Assessment and Improvement Plan as opportunities and resources are presented and
- 24 available.

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Respectfully submitted,

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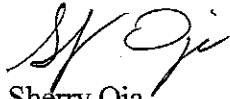
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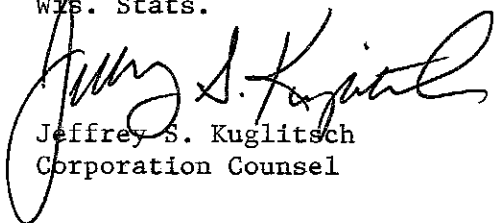
This resolution approves the Parks ADA Assessment and Improvement Plan and has no fiscal impact in and of itself. Funding for items included in the Plan would need to be approved through the budget process or by separate resolution.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to § 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

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- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

The Rock County Parks Division has prepared an assessment and Improvement Plan for the purpose of documenting and evaluating park facilities for compliance with applicable state and federal accessibility guidelines. It also identifies needed improvements to bring facilities up to these standards to the maximum extent feasible.

The regulatory standards that are the basis for evaluation of the facilities include the following:

1. Americans with Disabilities Act 2010 Standards for Accessible Design
2. Title II of the ADA; 2010 Standards for State and Local Government Facilities
3. US Access Board Accessible Recreation Facilities
4. Wisconsin Administrative Code, Department of Commerce, Chapter Comm 69, Barrier Free Design

For all regulations, the requirements apply to newly constructed or altered facilities and are not retroactive. If a facility was built prior to 1991, no standards were in place at the time of construction. If a facility was built between 1991 and March 15, 2012 the 1991 standards apply. Any new construction or alterations built after March 15, 2012 must comply with the 2010 standards. Many of the Rock County facilities were built prior to 1991 and reasonable accessible improvements are proposed to the maximum extent feasible.

For each park we have provided an assessment identifying the primary amenities and the compliance status of each. The assessment was completed with the assistance of Andrew Janicki, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Accessibility Coordinator.

Also provided are the improvement recommendations for each park. Recommended improvements will require further evaluation and design to determine the best approach and resolution.