

# 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*

August 24, 2012  
*Date Drafted*

### ACCEPTANCE OF RECREATIONAL TRAIL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR MAGNOLIA BLUFF PARK TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors Resolution 12-6B-063, on the 28th day of June, 2012,
- 2 adopted the Magnolia Bluff Park Master Plan; and
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, during the development of this plan, the Public Works & Parks Advisory Committee
- 5 worked with the Magnolia Bluff Steering Committee, the Rock County Multi-use Trail Group, the
- 6 National Park Service, the Ice Age Trail Alliance and the general public to collect input and feedback on
- 7 park improvements and priorities laid out in the Magnolia Bluff Park Master Plan; and
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- 9 **WHEREAS**, Rock County applied for DNR Recreation Trails Stewardship grant funds pursuant to
- 10 provisions of s.23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes and as authorized by county board resolution 12-3B-623
- 11 on the 22nd day of March, 2012 to renovate the trails at Magnolia Bluff Park for public outdoor recreation
- 12 purposes as described in the application; and
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- 14 **WHEREAS**, matching grant funds totaling \$54,738 were awarded from the Wisconsin DNR and a
- 15 resolution accepting the same is required by the County;
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- 17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 18 this 13 day of September, 2012 does hereby approve the acceptance of these funds.
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- 20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Parks Director be authorized to file all necessary documents for
- 21 administration and reimbursement of this program; and,
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- 23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Parks Director be authorized and directed to sign the grant
- 24 agreements and that these documents be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

12-9A-127

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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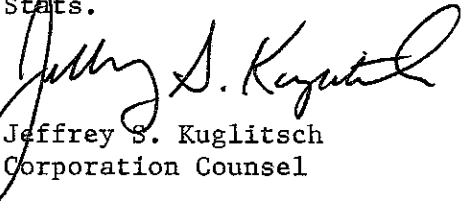
This resolution authorizes the acceptance of \$54,738 in State Aid to renovate the trails at Magnolia Bluff Park. County matching funds in the amount of \$54,738 are required. The County matching funds will need to be approved by the County Board either through a separate resolution or through the 2013 budget process.



Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson  
County Administrator

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -  
**ACCEPTANCE OF RECREATIONAL TRAIL GRANT FUNDS  
FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
FOR MAGNOLIA BLUFF PARK TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS**

The Rock County Board of Supervisors adopted the master plan for Magnolia Bluff Park on June 28, 2012. One of the focuses of this master plan is renovating and improving the trail system.

The trails at Magnolia Bluff County Park are currently facing several challenges, including unsustainable trails because of poor design and trails that are in desperate need of maintenance. The work proposed includes several different types of improvement/maintenance projects. It also includes an ADA-compliant trail, not only to meet accessible route standards, but also to provide an accessible trail experience for individuals with disabilities.

The project includes:

1. Close trail sections that have erosion and accessibility issues and establish new trail segments to complete the trail system.
2. As part of the trail reconstruction, create several interlocking trail loops that can be followed using a map and park signage.
3. Build ADA-compliant hard surface crushed limestone trail along the lower and upper parking areas, connecting the existing wells, existing bathrooms, and trail entrances to accessible parking stalls.
4. Build a trail loop that is accessible to all users. The proposed loop was chosen because it connects the park's main facilities, best views, and the existing natural grade has the least amount of undulations compared to the other trail segments.
5. Add grass pavers at the base of the bluff trail to the upper picnic area. Some erosion has occurred due to steep slopes. To mitigate this issue grass pavers can be installed under native grass.
6. Maintain and improve trail signage with reassurance and junction markers. Replace damaged or broken signs and add new signs where needed.

A hired contractor specializing in sustainable trail design will complete trail reconstruction and maintenance work. Competitive bids will be solicited over the winter of 2012-13. The work will be completed during the 2013 construction season. Park volunteers will be rallied to assist parks staff and/or the contractor with rehabilitation of closed trails. Parks staff will complete trail sign replacement and installation.

The grant requires a 50/50 match of local funds. The local match is included in the 2013 Park's capital budget request.