

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



1/25/2022
DATE DRAFTED

Authorization of Rock County, WISDOT Long-Term Agreement for the Ice Age Multi-Use Trail Maintenance from Janesville to Milton

WHEREAS, The state of Wisconsin and Rock County have agreed to the development and maintenance of the Ice Age Trail starting at Kennedy Road in Janesville and extending North within the Right-of-Way of the old CNW Rail Line to Manogue Road in Milton and again from Sunset Drive in Milton, North approximately 2175 Feet;

WHEREAS, Rock County Parks Department in cooperation with the Ice Age Group have maintained this current section since its conception in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Rock County 2020-2025 POROS Plan highlights the continued partnership with State and Local agencies to promote and implement trail systems which improve overall public health; and

WHEREAS, The current contract for maintenance is set to expire on May 7th, 2022 and this contract extension will take its place for another twenty (20) years from the Effective Date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this 10th day of February, 2022, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the maintenance agreement between Rock County and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks Manager be named the Trail Coordinator and act as the authorized official to administer this agreement.

FISCAL NOTE:

Funding for the maintenance costs for this section of the Ice Age trail is included in the 2022 budget.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01, 59.51 and 66.0301, Wis. Stats.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Public Works Committee-Parks- The Public Works Committee-Parks recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.

Parks Advisory Committee- The Parks Advisory Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Member Presny was absent.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This agreement is the key element in continuing the Ice Age Multi-Use Trail between Janesville and Milton. This trail is part of the over 1,000 mile Ice Age National Trail in Wisconsin and a major element in our Multi-Use trail system here in Rock County. It offers the ability for people to commute between the two cities as well as the ability to enjoy the outdoors whether it be on foot or on horse-back.

The initial contract was put in place in May of 2002 with the intent to create a trail between Milton and Janesville utilizing the old CNW Rail line. This trail has become a highly utilized trail between the two cities, especially due to the urban growth in the last decade. It has served the community as well as the nation with people touring the Ice Age Trail through our state. The placement of Rock County's Ice Age Park also offers a resting point halfway along the trail for those who need it.

The original agreement between Rock County and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is set to expire on May 7th, 2022. In discussion, both Rock County and WISDOT wish to continue this agreement for another 20 years plus. Wis. Stat. Sec. 66.0301 authorizes municipalities, including the County and the State, to contract with one another for the receipt of furnishing services. It is my recommendation that we continue this agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation to provide maintenance for the Ice Age Multi-Use Trail.