

RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
Initiated by

Lori Williams, Parks Director
Drafted by

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Submitted by

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Date Drafted



Authorizing Application for the Natural Resources Foundation's C.D. Besadny Conservation Grant for State Natural Area Interpretive Signs at Magnolia Bluff and Carver-Roehl Parks

1. **WHEREAS**, the Natural Resources Foundation has a community grant program for public and
2. private organizations or government agencies working on natural resource projects and
3. programs at a small-scale, local level; and,
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5. **WHEREAS**, the County designated portions of Magnolia Bluff County Park and Carver-Roehl
6. County Park as Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) State Natural Areas in
7. November 2010; and,
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9. **WHEREAS**, the Parks Division desires to educate park users on the State Natural Area
10. program and highlight the ecological diversity and natural resource land management with
11. interpretative panels in each park.
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13. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
14. assembled this 16th day of December, 2010 hereby authorizes the Parks Director to act on
15. behalf of Rock County to submit a grant application to the Natural Resources Foundation's
16. C.D. Besadny Conservation Grant for \$1,000 for interpretive panel fabrication.

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 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.

Jeffrey A. Smith
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Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

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
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Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson
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County Administrator

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- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

Authorizing Application for the Natural Resources Foundation's C.D. Besadny Conservation Grant for State Natural Area Interpretive Signs at Magnolia Bluff and Carver-Roehl Parks

Sections of Magnolia Bluff and Carver-Roehl County Parks were designated as State Natural Areas (SNA) in November 2010. The parks were selected based on their habitat quality and diversity, extent of past disturbance, context within the greater landscape, and rarity of features on local and global scales. Now that the SNA designations have been approved, it is time to start thinking about land management and education.

One interpretive panel in each park will educate visitors about the rare resources found in each park. Each panel will include the SNA program, why each park was chosen and specifics about land management: invasive species removal, prairie restoration, or threatened plant management. Interpretive panels will be printed in full color on a fiberglass reinforced laminate surface – which will last for many years, even in an outdoors setting. They are resistant to moisture, extremely resistant to UV rays, scratching, and graffiti.

Interpretive panels are truly a wonderful educational tool, but they are expensive to fabricate. With limited budgets, outside funding is sought to cover the cost of these panels. The Besadny Conservation Grant is a 50/50 match, a maximum \$1,000 awarded. Matching funds will come from staff time to design and install the signs. This grant gives priority to proposals that address rare and endangered species, State Natural Area support, or environmental education and outreach – all which are addressed with these interpretive panels.

Respectfully submitted by,



Lori Williams
Parks Director