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Public Works Department**



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- A G E N D A -

Public Works Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2013 – 8:30 a.m.
Public Works Department Committee Room

**Note time
change!**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2013
4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements
5. Vouchers/Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments & Transfers

PARKS BUSINESS

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Consider Resolution Endorsing the Rock County Beloit-Janesville Bicycle Trail Route for Designation as a State Trail
- b. Consider Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for Magnolia Bluff Park Trail Improvements

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Project Report
- b. Open House Meetings Regarding the Planning Process for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail (NST) in Rock County
- c. Slideshow of Turtle Creek Parkway Facility

8. Parks Advisory Committee Remarks
9. Next Meeting Date
10. Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Works Committee
Initiated by _____

Lori Williams, Parks Director
Drafted by _____



Public Works Committee
Submitted by _____

January 30, 2013
Date Drafted _____

**ENDORISING THE ROCK COUNTY BELOIT – JANESVILLE BICYCLE ROUTE FOR
DESIGNATION AS A STATE TRAIL**

1. **WHEREAS**, Rock County Public Works Committee and Parks Division have expressed,
2. through policy and action, their support for transportation improvements that improve walking
3. and biking options within the county and promote a healthier lifestyle and enhanced quality of
4. life for its citizens and visitors; and,
- 5.
6. **WHEREAS**, Rock County Parks has been engaged in the Beloit – Janesville Bicycle Route
7. Corridor Master Plan and Feasibility Study, and has contributed towards the selection of
8. preferred routes from the City of Janesville, including routes which pass through Town of
9. Beloit-owned lands and Rock County road rights-of-way, connecting to the official City of
10. Beloit bike trail system; and,
- 11.
12. **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Public Works Committee and Parks Advisory Committee on
13. January 26, 2012 resolved to endorse the Corridor Master Plan and Feasibility Study; and,
- 14.
15. **WHEREAS**, the County is authorized to work in partnership with state agencies in the
16. acquisition, protection, and stewardship of natural resources; and the County has the
17. opportunity to apply for designation in the DNR’s State Trails Program; and,
- 18.
19. **WHEREAS**, the designation of the Beloit to Janesville Trail as a Wisconsin State Trail will
20. further the mutual goal of the DNR and the county to promote the unique trail opportunity and
21. connection of Wisconsin and Rock County for the people of the state.
- 22.
23. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
24. assembled this ____ day of _____, 2013, endorses the “State Trail Designation” with the
25. Department of Natural Resources and directs the Parks Director apply for this status.

Respectfully submitted,
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kurtis Yankee, Chair

Tom Presny

Betty Jo Bussie, Vice-Chair

Floyd Finney

Eva M. Arnold

Dean Paynter

Brent Fox

Dave Brown

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution recommends the Parks Director apply to the Department of Natural Resources for "State Trail Designation" status for the Beloit - Janesville Bicycle Route. This resolution has no fiscal impact in and of itself.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action by secs. 59.01 and 59.51(2), Wis. Stats.



Eugene R. Dumas
Deputy Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

**ENDORISING THE ROCK COUNTY BELOIT – JANESVILLE BICYCLE ROUTE FOR
DESIGNATION AS A STATE TRAIL**

The Rock County Parks Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan encourages the establishment of on-road routes and off-road trail connections within the county that improve regional transportation options for bicycles and pedestrians and at the same time enhance the value of existing and planned residential, recreational, and economic development areas in the county.

Rock County Parks has been engaged in the Beloit – Janesville Bicycle Route Corridor Master Plan and Feasibility Study, and has contributed towards the selection of preferred routes from the City of Janesville, including routes which pass through Town of Beloit-owned lands and Rock County road rights-of-way, connecting to the official City of Beloit bike trail system;

The Trail is currently under development. The off – road section that is currently completed runs from Janesville to the Town of Afton. The anticipated completion time frame for the remaining section of trail from the Town of Afton to the City of Beloit is two to five years.

Britt Brown, DNR State Trails Director, visited the Beloit to Janesville Trail. During that visit in early 2012, State Trail designation was discussed with the trail committee. The designation process involves writing a letter of request to the WDNR. The advantage of doing this now is that it will make other funding application opportunities will be available.

This is an exciting opportunity for Rock County Parks to increase the publicity of the Beloit to Janesville Trail on a state level. The DNR will publish our parks information in their state trails materials, making this trail a tourist destination. The uncompleted sections of this trail will not be publicized on state maps until they are finished.

Respectfully submitted by,



Lori Williams, Director
Rock County Parks

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Lori Williams
INITIATED BY

Public Works & Parks
Advisory Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Lori Williams, Parks Director
DRAFTED BY

February 4, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MAGNOLIA BLUFF PARK TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors Resolution 12-6B-063, on the 28th day of June,
2 2012, 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
7 feedback on park improvements and priorities laid out in the Magnolia Bluff Park Master Plan; and,
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9 **WHEREAS**, the 2013 adopted County budget contained matching funds to renovate the trails at
10 Magnolia Bluff Park for public outdoor recreation purposes as described in the Magnolia Bluff
11 Park Master Plan; and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, the project is funded in part by DNR Recreation Trails Stewardship grant funds pursuant
14 to provisions of s.23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes and is authorized by county board resolution 12-
15 3B-623 on the 22nd day of March, 2012 to renovate the trails at Magnolia Bluff Park for public
16 outdoor recreation purposes as described in the application; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, matching grant funds totaling \$54,738 were awarded from the Wisconsin DNR;
19 and,
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21 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Parks Staff prepared specifications and the County Purchasing
22 Division requested proposals for the trail renovation project; and,
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24 **WHEREAS**, Purchasing and Parks staff reviewed all proposals received and are recommending
25 that the contract be awarded to the low bidder, Ultimate Excavating.
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
28 assembled on this _____ day of _____, 2013, does hereby authorize a contract
29 be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Ultimate Excavating of Fort Atkinson, WI in the
30 amount of \$48,300 for trail improvements, including labor and materials, at Magnolia Bluff
31 County Park.

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Respectfully submitted,

Public Works Committee

Parks Advisory Committee

Kurtis Yankee, Chair

Thomas Presny

Betty Jo Bussie, Vice-Chair

Floyd Finney

Eva Arnold

Dean Paynter

Brent Fox

PURCHASING PROCEDURAL ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of

David Brown

Mary Mawhinney, Chair

FISCAL NOTE:

Sufficient funding is available in the Parks Capital Project account, A/C 41-4592-4800-67200, for the cost of this project. The project is being funded 50% from a DNR grant and 50% from County matching funds.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action by secs. 59.01 and 59.52(29), Wis. Stats., and by the Rock County Purchasing Ordinance.



Eugene R. Dumas
Deputy Corporation Counsel

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR
MAGNOLIA BLUFF PARK TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS**

Rock County is the owner of the Magnolia Bluff County Park and has been awarded matching grant money for a trail renovation project through the Recreation Trails Stewardship Grant Funds Program by the DNR. This project 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. Closing trail sections that have erosion and accessibility issues and establishing new trail segments to complete the trail system.
2. As part of the trail reconstruction, creating several interlocking trail loops that can be followed using a map and park signage.
3. Building ADA-compliant hard surface crushed limestone trails along the lower and upper parking areas, connecting the existing wells, existing bathrooms, and trail entrances to accessible parking stalls.
4. Building 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. Adding grass pavers at the base of the bluff trail to connect 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. Maintaining and improving trail signage with reassurance and junction markers. Replace damaged or broken signs and add new signs where needed.

The chosen contractor Ultimate Excavating of Fort Atkinson, WI, specializing in sustainable trail design, will complete trail reconstruction and maintenance work. This is the first phase of work in the total project that is partially funded by grant dollars. The first phase of 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 project is funded in part by a Recreation Trails Stewardship Grant Funds Program of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This proposed project will make the trail more user-friendly and sustainable.

Matching local funds for the trail improvement project are included in the 2013 Parks budget.

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN
FINANCE DIRECTOR

PURCHASING DIVISION
FAX (608) 757-5539
PHONE (608) 757-5515

BID SUMMARY

PROJECT NUMBER 2013-13
PROJECT NAME MAGNOLIA BLUFF PARK TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS
BID DUE DATE JANUARY 24, 2013 - 1:30 P.M.
DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS - PARKS DEPARTMENT

ULTIMATE EXC FT ATKINSON, WI	EGNOSKI EXCAVATING WHITEWATER, WI	GRADE TECH PAVERS IXONIA, WI	TRAIL SOURCE ROSEMOUNT, MN	TRAIL DESIGN SPECIALISTS MADISON, WI	ANGLIN LLC MONROE, WI	FRONT RANGE ENVIRONMENTAL MCHENRY, IL
YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
\$ 48,300.00	\$ 58,850.00	\$ 65,885.00	\$ 95,115.00	\$ 109,450.00	\$ 166,360.00	\$ 172,500.00
ADDENDA RCVD						
COST						

Invitation to Bid was advertised in the Janesville Gazette and on the Internet. Six additional vendors were solicited that did not respond.

PREPARED BY: Alan Donaldfield
SENIOR BUYER

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION: Ultimate Exc. \$48,300.00
Benjamin J. Coffman, Jr. Fort Atkinson WI
SIGNATURE 2-4-13
DATE

GOVERNING COMMITTEE APPROVAL:

CHAIR _____ VOTE _____ DATE _____

PURCHASING PROCEDURAL ENDORSEMENT:

CHAIR _____ VOTE _____ DATE _____

**Current Rock County Park Projects
January 2, 2013 – February 4, 2013**

- **Beckman Mill**-----1) Green Fund candlelight hike-ski-snowshoe on 2/8/13 to highlight boardwalk and northwoods trail.
2) Crew cut invasive brush out of wetland as part of a restoration contract with US Fish and Wildlife Service. Rented forestry mower 1/23/13-1/30/13 to complete the work.

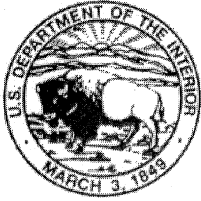
- **Beloit-Janesville Trail**-----1) Working with Rock County Leadership Academy for trail project regarding bridge in Big Hill Park.
2) Resolution authorizing application for State Trail status in process.

- **Community Coordinator**-----1) Coordinated the invasive brush cutting in Beckman Mill wetland.
2) Worked with Purchasing Department to let the Magnolia Bluff trail improvement bids, answer questions and review bids received.
3) Hosted Rock River Trail Initiative quarterly council meeting 1/18/13.
4) Attended WPRA Leadership Academy 2/6/13-2/8/13. Received scholarship to attend.
5) Last day with the County 2/8/13.

- **Delong**-----1) No further development.

- **Murwin**-----1) Working with Patrick Powell about filming in Murwin Park for Haunted Highway Series on the Sci Fi channel.

- **Ice Age Trail** -----1) Committee moving forward with corridor planning. Information item and material in current agenda packet. Expect to see an updated packet and presentation in March.
- **Indianford** -----1) Property acquisition in process with staff and planning committees.
- **Magnolia Bluff** -----1) Seven bids received for trail improvement work. Contract will be awarded to the lowest bidder: Ultimate Excavating from Fort Atkinson.
- **Turtle Creek** -----1) Building improvements completed.
 2) Work continuing on proposed rental rates for building.
 3) Checking prices on needed appliances for building.
- **Other Information** -----1) Snowmobile trails partially reopened 2/2/13 and conditions are currently poor with snow and no grooming.
 2) Budget sheet summary requested by advisory member Presny to be distributed.



United States Department of the Interior



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Ice Age National Scenic Trail
700 Rayovac Drive, Suite 100
Madison, Wisconsin 53711-2468

IN REPLY REFER TO:
1.A.2 (IATR-Rock County)

February 5, 2013

Dear Rock County Public Works Committee Member:

Last year, the National Park Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and Ice Age Trail Alliance initiated the Corridor Planning Process for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail (NST) in Rock County. The purpose of the Corridor Planning Process is to identify a general location for the trail and actively involve the public in this decision making process. Last winter, we held three open house scoping meetings to obtain public input regarding this project. Today, we would like to provide you with an update of where we are in the Ice Age NST's Corridor Planning Process and brief you on our next steps.

Last year at the three open houses, we presented 12 broad study areas for the Ice Age NST to landowners, public officials, and the public for their input. These wide study areas were defined by utilizing the criteria for locating the trail—significant geologic, biologic, cultural features, as well as existing trail, availability of public lands, and opportunities for aesthetic, educational, and recreational experiences. Approximately 50 people attended the meetings and we received many comments. With the conclusion of these scoping meetings, the Corridor Planning Process has now entered its second phase—Development of Alternatives.

Over the summer and fall of 2012, the planning team developed three alternative corridors for the trail incorporating the public comments we heard. The boundaries of the alternatives are outlined using roads, section lines, and in one instance, the Rock River. All three alternative corridors include the existing Ice Age NST through Milton and Janesville, and connect to Magnolia Bluff County Park and Clover Valley State Wildlife Area. They contain glacial features such as moraines, a tunnel channel, kettle ponds, and outwash plains; and diverse biological communities such as wetlands, lakes, woodlands and restored prairies. To provide additional interest and potential facilities for trail users, communities and cultural resource destinations such as Indian Ford, Fulton, Evansville, and Footville are included also.

This spring a second series of open house meetings will be held to present these three alternative corridors and a fourth, no-action alternative for public review and input. Enclosed are maps of the proposed alternatives. In late March, landowners within the alternative corridors will receive an invitation to attend public open house meetings that will be held in late April. The schedule for the meetings is as follows:

April 23, 2013 City of Milton 5-8 pm
The Gathering Place
715 Campus Street
Milton, Wisconsin

April 27, 2013 City of Janesville 12-3 pm
Rotary Botanical Gardens
1455 Palmer Drive
Janesville, Wisconsin



April 29, 2013

City of Evansville 5-8 pm
Creekside Place
102 Maple Street
Evansville, Wisconsin

Based on public comments obtained at these meetings and criteria to locate the trail, the planning team will then identify a preferred alternative corridor and possible route options for the Ice Age NST through Rock County. This final "Corridor of Opportunity" will be approximately 3-5 miles in width. The reason it is so wide is to allow flexibility to get the trail through since all participation by landowners is voluntary. The trail's tread is approximately 3.5 feet wide. The width of the trailway (area around the trail) purchased for the Ice Age NST will depend on what the landowner desires. To conclude the Corridor Planning Process, a third and final series of open house meetings will be held, (tentatively spring 2014), to present the results of this planning effort. A Draft Corridor Plan and Environmental Assessment also will be available for comment.

The partners involved in the Ice Age NST recognize that its completion will take a very long time. It will not be finished in the next year or in the next several years, but will happen slowly as landowners voluntarily give permission (handshake agreement) for the trail to cross their property, or allow the purchase of lands or easements for the trail.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Outdoor Recreation Planner, Mary Tano at 608-441-5610. If you wish, we would be happy to attend one of your future meetings to provide additional information.

Sincerely,



Pamela J. Schuler
Trail Manager

PJS:kk

Enclosures: 3

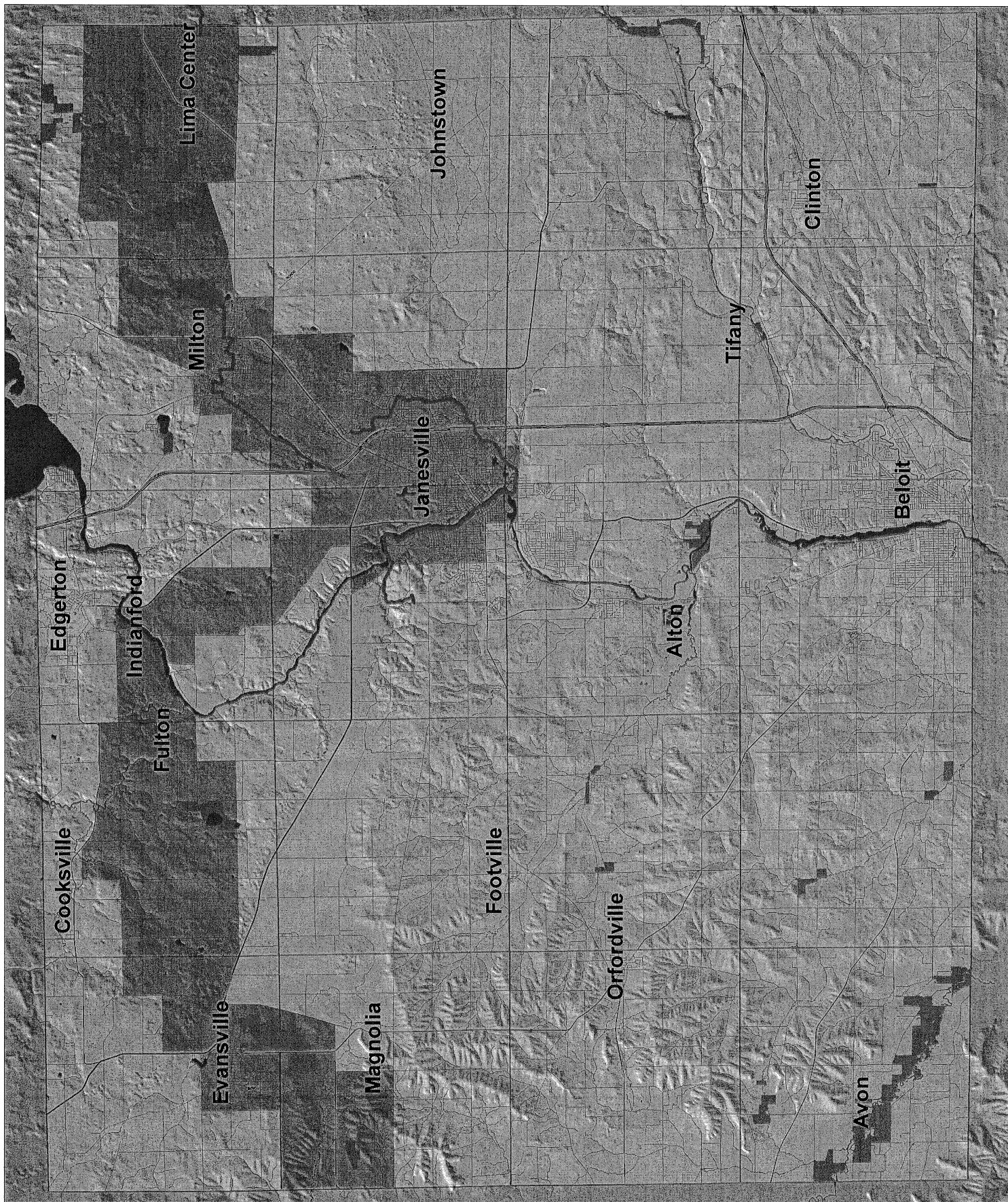
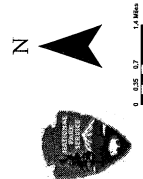


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Alternative 2

Legend

- Alternative 2
- Existing Trail
- County Parks
- DNR Lands



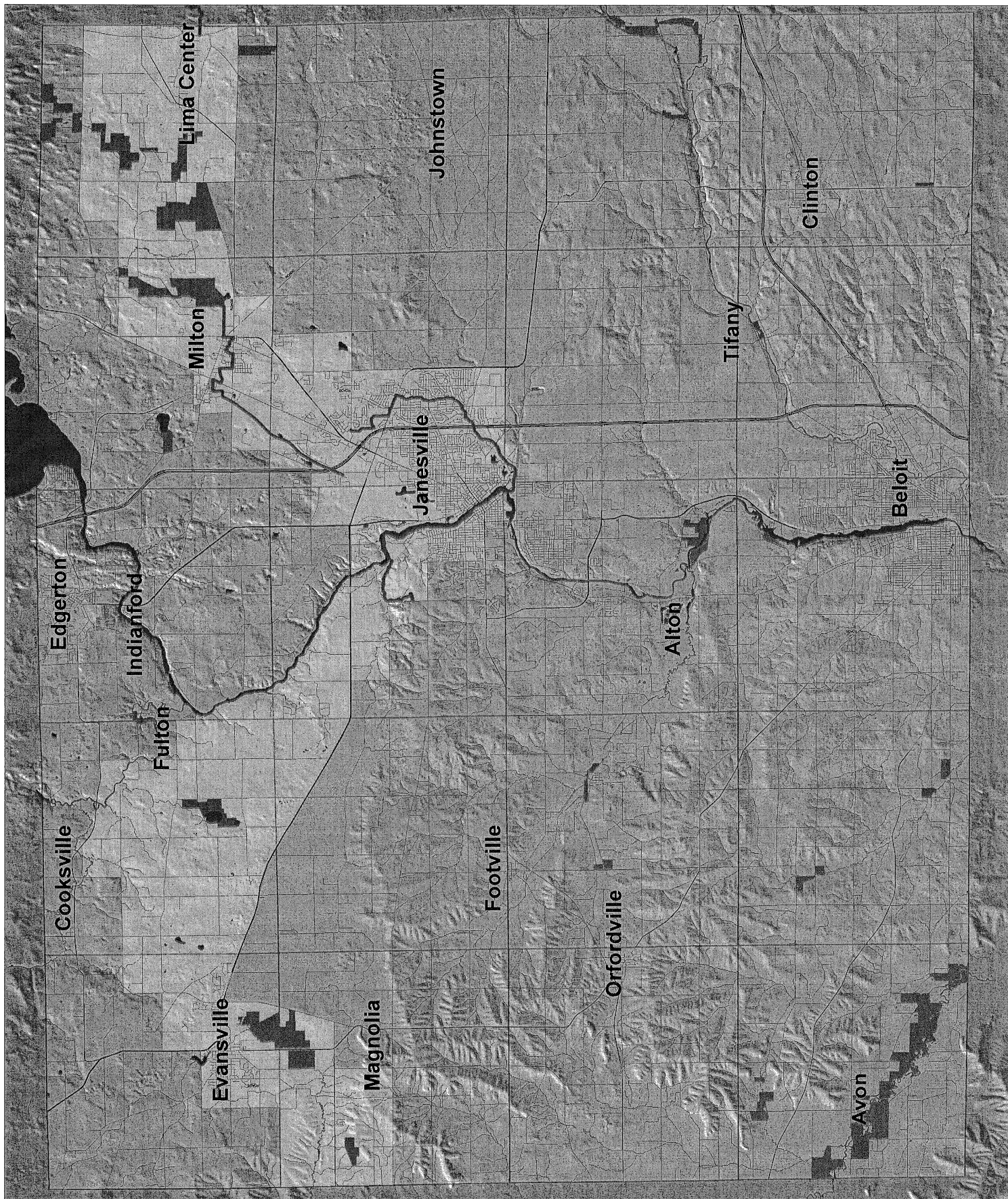
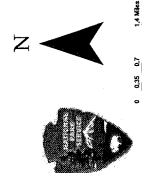


Ice Age National Scenic Trail
Rock County

Alternative 3

Legend

- Alternative 3
- Existing Trail
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Alternative 4

Legend

- Alternative 4
- Existing Trail
- County Parks
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