

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



1/4/2022
DATE DRAFTED

Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant RTP-1051-21ND Funds

WHEREAS, Rock County Parks applied for Department of Natural Resources stewardship grant funds pursuant to provisions of s.23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes and as authorized by Rock County Board Resolution 21-4B-233 on the 22th of April 2021 to develop trails for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, our application for funding was approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for \$45,000 with \$45,000 matching County for paving the Peace Trail from Tripp Road South towards Afton; and

WHEREAS, the 2020-2025 Rock County Parks Outdoor Recreation Open Space (POROS) Plan recommends the paving of the Peace Trail; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 13th day of January, 2022, does hereby accept the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant RTP-1019-20ND.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks Manager is hereby authorized and directed to sign the grant agreements and that this document be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks Manager be authorized to file all necessary documents for administration and reimbursement of this program.

FISCAL NOTE:

A budget amendment resolution will be needed to appropriate the grant funds and to determine a funding source for the County share.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

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

/s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Public Works Committee-Parks
Parks Advisory Board

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Rock County Parks, Outdoor Recreation, and Open Space (POROS) Plan implementation schedule identifies Paving of the Peace Trail between Janesville and Beloit. In order to move forward on this project, the Parks Division made an application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Stewardship Grant Funds. Rock County was awarded \$45,000 in Stewardship Grant Funds in 2020 to start the process by paving the 1.3 miles between Walters Road and Duggan Road on the South end of the Peace Trail. The Parks Division applied again in 2021 and was awarded another \$45,000 towards the project. The acceptance of this application will help fund the section of trail starting at Tripp Road and heading south towards Afton.

The grant being accepted requires a 50/50 match of local funds. The anticipated project is \$90,000 of which approximately \$45,000 would be Stewardship Funds. For the remaining funding for the project the Parks Division will be utilizing alternative funding options including possible donations or use of existing ATC funds. The Parks Division does not intend on impacting current or future County Fund balances with this grant project. If approved, the Parks Department will need to ask for a budget amendment to include the transfer of funds from the ATC fund balance to cover the expenditures required for the grant. If approved by the Board, the Parks Division will have until June 30th, 2024 to utilize the funds.