

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Lori Williams
INITIATED BY

Public Works & Parks
Advisory Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Lori Williams, Parks Director
DRAFTED BY

January 26, 2012
DATE DRAFTED

ENDORISING THE ROCK COUNTY, BELOIT-JANESVILLE BICYCLE ROUTE CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN AND FEASIBILITY STUDY

- 1 **WHEREAS**, a sound and functional bicycle and pedestrian network provides citizens of Rock County with
- 2 a safe and energy-efficient alternative to our current transportation infrastructure by decreasing motor
- 3 vehicle traffic, air pollution, reducing wear and damage to our roads and providing transportation
- 4 alternatives to cars and trucks; and,
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- 6 **WHEREAS**, The Rock County Parks Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan encourages the
- 7 establishment of on-road routes and off-road trail connections within the county that improve regional
- 8 transportation options for bicycles and pedestrians and at the same time enhance the value of existing and
- 9 planned residential, recreational, and economic development areas in the county; and,
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- 11 **WHEREAS**, The Rock County Public Works Committee and Parks Division have expressed, through policy
- 12 and action, support for transportation improvements that improve walking and biking options within the
- 13 county and promote a healthier lifestyle and enhanced quality of life for its citizens and visitors; and,
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- 15 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Parks has been engaged in the Beloit-Janesville Bicycle Route Corridor Master
- 16 Plan and Feasibility Study, and has contributed towards the selection of preferred routes from the City of
- 17 Janesville to the City of Beloit, including routes which pass through Rock County and Town of Beloit-
- 18 owned lands and rights-of-way; and,
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- 20 **WHEREAS**, volunteer groups are pledging partnerships and funding to help make this trail a reality
- 21 working with Rock County to obtain possible easements and state and federal grants for funding.
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- 23 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this 23 day
- 24 of February, 2012, endorses the Beloit-Janesville Bicycle Route Corridor Master Planning and Feasibility
- 25 Study process; and,
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- 27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Parks Director be named the Trail Coordinator and act
- 28 as authorized official to file all necessary documents for grant applications and administration of this program.

12-2B-600

Respectfully submitted,

Public Works Committee

Kurtis L. Yankee
Kurtis Yankee, Chair

Betty Jo Bussie
Betty Jo Bussie, Vice-Chair

Eva Arnold
Eva Arnold

David Diestler
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Brent Fox
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Parks Advisory Committee

Thomas Presny
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Absent
Mike Guisleman

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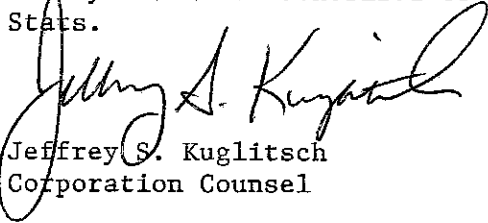
This resolution has no fiscal impact at this time. If grant funding is received, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the funds and amend the budget.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

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



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

**ENDORING THE ROCK COUNTY, БЕЛОIT-JANESVILLE BICYCLE ROUTE CORRIDOR
MASTER PLAN AND FEASIBILITY STUDY**

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.

The Rock Trail Coalition, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is coordinating a project to connect the cities of Beloit and Janesville with an off-road transportation corridor for bicycling and pedestrian uses.

The City of Janesville has an extensive bike trail system with over 20 miles of paved trail. Janesville is linked to Milton via Rock County's Ice Age Trail connector; following the abandoned Chicago Northwestern rail corridor.

The City of Beloit is continuing to develop its trail system with several miles of existing trail and more in the planning stage. Beloit is linking to the Hononegah Trail System in northern Illinois.

The Beloit to Janesville connection will provide a valuable link between the two trail systems to the north and the south.