## RESOLUTION

#### ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
Initiated by

Public Works Committee & Parks Advisory Committee Submitted by

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Lori Williams, Parks Director Drafted by

August 4, 2015

Date Drafted

### AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR COUNTY FISH AND GAME PROJECT GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Wisconsin enacted legislation providing for allocation to the respective counties in the state on an acreage basis for the county fish and game projects on the condition that the counties match the state allocation; and

WHEREAS, Rock County desires to participate in county fish and game projects pursuant to provisions of s.23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors, this 13th day of Output, 2015, that the Board is hereby authorized to expend the funds appropriated and the funds to be received from the State of Wisconsin for the improvement of the fish and wildlife habitat, and to operate and maintain or to cause to be operated and maintained the project for its intended purpose.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Parks Director to act on behalf of Rock County to submit a state grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for 2016 financial aid for county fish and game projects; sign documents; and the necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved projects.

Respectfully submitted,

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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.

Sherry Oja

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 Corporation Counsel

#### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

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County Administrator

#### - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

#### AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR COUNTY FISH AND GAME PROJECT GRANT FUNDS

Each Wisconsin County is allocated a certain amount of money annually to fund small projects on a 50/50 match basis. Rock County may apply for a maximum of \$3,000 in 2015. Parks plans to access this funding source to help pay for invasive species control at Magnolia Bluff Park and Carver-Roehl Park. Though this funding source requires a 50% match by the County, all time and materials supplied by the Parks and Highway Divisions, as well as other community resources may be used as in-kind match. The Multi-Use Trail group and other volunteers have assisted with various invasive species control projects in the past and have expressed a strong interest in continuing the effort.

The species to be controlled using this grant is primarily buckthorn. For the past few years, we have used these funds for buckthorn and garlic mustard control in Carver-Roehl Park and most recently we used these in Magnolia Bluff Park. We feel the time is now appropriate to share these efforts with both parks that have State Natural Areas and utilize them where we get the maximum benefit from the grant funds available.