

**RESOLUTION**

**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Parks Committee  
INITIATED BY



2/21/2022  
DATE DRAFTED

**Authorizing the Funding for Capital Improvements and Maintenance Items for 5801 N. River Road Janesville, WI and Amending the 2022 Parks Capital Budget**

**WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to purchase a 178 acre property located at 5801 N. River Road formally known as Camp Indian Trails owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Parks Division believes this land provides an exciting opportunity for the County to develop this land for recreational use by the general public, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Parks Division will need to make necessary Capital site improvements and continue with necessary maintenance items before the property can be opened to the public, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Capital improvements will be a one-time cost, however the maintenance funding will be ongoing, and;

**WHEREAS**, these necessary items will require funding that is above and beyond the purchase of the property and have not been included in the 2022 Budget, and;

**WHEREAS**, the addition of the Camp Indian Trails property will also require extra staffing consisting of one full-time Position and two seasonal positions, and;

**WHEREAS**, the approval of these three additional positions will create new job descriptions and will be consistent with the current 1077 pay grid;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of March, 2022 does hereby approve and authorize the funding in the amount of \$650,000 for the necessary Capital site improvements, maintenance and staffing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Parks Department 2022 budget be amended as follows:

Account	Budget 1/1/2022	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds			
41-4592-4800-47500	\$0	\$434,500	\$434,500
Excess Sales Tax			
41-4551-4111-47500	\$0	\$215,500	\$215,500
Excess Sales Tax			
Use of Funds	\$175,000	\$434,500	\$609,500
41-4592-4800-67200			
Capital Improvements			
41-4511-4111-64900	\$0	\$215,500	\$215,500
Park Maintenance			

**FISCAL NOTE:**

This resolution approves the use of \$650,000 of excess sales tax revenue for the new Camp Indian Trails county park.

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

**LEGAL NOTE:**

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2022 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to § 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:**

Recommended.

Josh Smith  
County Administrator

**Committee Action**

**Public Works Committee**

The Public Works Committee approved the resolution unanimously.

**County Board Staff Committee**

The County Board Staff Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Yeomans was absent.

**Finance Committee**

Finance Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Fox was absent.

## **Executive Summary**

### **Authorizing the Funding for Capital Improvements and Maintenance Items for 5801 N. River Road Janesville, WI and Amending the 2022 Parks Capital Budget**

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Rock County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to purchase the property located at 5801 North River Road in the Town of Janesville, known as Camp Indian Trails. With the purchase of this property being completed on February 16, 2022, the Department of Public Works Parks Division is in need of funding to be able to open and operate this location for the community. The approval of this resolution would allocate the funds necessary to complete improvements and maintenance to open this location yet this year. The funds would be used to complete a list of Capital Improvements that are needed to open the property to the public as well as to serve as a funding source to continue maintaining the property for this year.

The property located at 5801 N. River Road is a 178-acre site (three parcels) located northwest of Janesville on the eastern banks of the Rock River along North River Road. The property includes an abundance of amenities that is comprised of trails, fire pits, lodges, cabins, a man-made lake and many outbuildings. The addition of this property with these amenities requires funding to be able to maintain and operate. Given the uncertainty of the purchase during budget planning, no funding was set forth in the 2022 budget cycle. The approval of this resolution would allocate funds for this year only and would allow the Parks Division to make necessary Capital Improvement upgrades as well as provide required maintenance activities.

The Parks Division intends to utilize the funds in two separate categories. The first one being the utilization of Capital Funds. These funds would be a one-time funding source to be able to improve the property. Examples of these capital improvements would be the removal of the pool and changing buildings, removal of Holt Lodge, road repair (widening and paving), and removal of the camp staff cabins. There are also many repairs to existing buildings on the property that would be needed as a one-time event to be able to get this property open to the community. Some of these items would include replacements of the wood burning heat sources, fencing for security around county equipment, and amenities like picnic tables and seating for Allen Hall renters.

The second category of funds that the Parks Division would utilize is for maintenance related items. These charges are ongoing and will be necessary to operate this property for years to come. The request for these funds in this resolution would be for this year only and would be part of the Parks Division budget for 2023 and beyond. Examples of these items would include utilities (propane and electricity), equipment charges, insurance, trash collection and most importantly staffing. It is the intention of the division to hire one full-time employee (FTE) and two seasonal employees to be able to maintain this property effectively. These positions would require the creation of three new job descriptions while utilizing the current 1077 pay grid.

The Parks Division intends to use sales tax as the funding source of this one-year plan to be able to get this newly acquired property open to the public as soon as possible. The opportunities that this property gives the community and the funding that is required to make sure that it can be available is of upmost importance. Further funding for this property will be addressed during the annual budget process. The approval of these funds for the Capital Improvements and Maintenance are for the 2022 calendar year.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Traynor  
Parks Manager