

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee - Parks
INITIATED BY



8/30/2022
DATE DRAFTED

Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for County Conservation Aids Application 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 wildlife habitat 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 22nd day of September, 2022, 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 Manager to act on behalf of Rock County to submit a state grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for 2022-2023 financial aid for county fish and game projects, sign documents and the necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved projects.

FISCAL NOTE:

If the DNR approves the grant application and award funds, a resolution will be needed to amend the budget and authorize the expenditure of the funds.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to § 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Public Works Committee - Parks

Public Works Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.

Parks Advisory Committee

Parks Advisory Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

**AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR
COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS 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 \$5,000 in 2022 for use in 2022 - 2023. The Parks Department plans to access this funding source to help pay for invasive species control at the new park located at 5801 North River Road in Janesville. Additional funds may be available after initial funds are distributed. 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 Parks Department and our volunteers have assisted with various invasive species control projects in the past and we have 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 we have achieved a noticeable reduction of the invasive species. We feel the time is now appropriate to focus these efforts on this location to help reduce the impact on this area.