

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



8/26/2022
DATE DRAFTED

In Support of the Ice Age Trail in Rock County

WHEREAS, in 1980, the United States Congress designated the Ice Age Trail (the “Trail”) to be a National Scenic Trail under the National Trails System Act; and

WHEREAS, the National Trails System Act encourages “volunteer citizen involvement in the planning, development, maintenance and management, where appropriate, of trails;” and

WHEREAS, the development and maintenance of that portion of the Trail running through Rock County is a co-operative project between landowners, local units of government, Rock County, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the National Park Service and volunteers with the Rock County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance, Rock Trail Coalition, Janesville School District; and

WHEREAS, the trail is an all-season path for everyone to enjoy by foot, snowshoe, ski and in some locations, biking and horseback; and

WHEREAS, the Trail is a recreational and educational resource that improves the quality of life for Rock County citizens, families and children as well as visitors to Rock County and increases tourism and interest in Rock County; and

WHEREAS, the Trail is planned to connect public lands in Clover Valley Wildlife Area, Lima Marsh Wildlife Area, Storrs Lake Wildlife Area, Janesville Schools Outdoor Lab, Gibbs Lake County Park, Magnolia Bluff County Park, City Parks in Milton, Janesville and Evansville; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 22nd day of September, 2022, does hereby support the continued development of the Trail through Rock County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this signed resolution be included in the Rock County Parks’ Parks Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan (POROS) and that this signed resolution be sent to the National Park Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Ice Age Trail Alliance.

FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact in and by itself.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

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

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.