

## RESOLUTION

### ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee  
INITIATED BY



10/31/2022  
DATE DRAFTED

#### **Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Conservation Aids Grant CC23-54 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 fish and wildlife habitat projects on the condition that the counties match the state allocation; and

**WHEREAS**, Rock County applied to participate in unallocated fish and wildlife habitat projects pursuant to provisions of s.23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes and as authorized by Rock County Board Resolution R-2022-81 on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, \$5,000 is in the 2023 budget as an estimated amount for this grant 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, matching grant funds of \$5,000 are available for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this 17th day of November, 2022, hereby accepts the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Conservation Aids Grant CC23-54WH Funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Parks Manager is hereby authorized and directed to sign the grant agreements and that this document be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Parks Manager be authorized to file all necessary documents for administration and reimbursement of this program.

#### FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution accepts the DNR Conservation Grant. The appropriation authority for the grant and required match were included in the 2023 budget request.

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

#### LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to § 59.52(19), Wis. Stats.

Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

#### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith

County Administrator

**Committee Action**

**Public Works Committee**

Public Works Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Pennycook was absent.

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

**ACCEPTANCE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS GRANT CC23-54WH FUNDS**

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Each Wisconsin County is allocated a certain amount of money annually to fund small projects on a 50/50 match basis. This year we will be using our allocated funds to help complete the cleanup of the roadway located at the newly acquired Rock River Heritage Park.

As you recall the County purchased the Rock River Heritage Park in February of 2022. Since then, this beautiful wooded 178-acre park located at 5801 N. River Road in the Town of Janesville has had some extensive work done to help improve the aesthetics of this property. The acceptance of this grant will help us fund the necessary work removing woody vegetation along the main roadway leading into the park.

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 and Lee Parks and we've 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.

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 a match.