

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
Initiated by

John Traynor, Parks Manager
Drafted by

Public Works Committee
& Parks Advisory Committee
Submitted by



September 27, 2018
Date Drafted

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS GRANT FUNDS

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the legislature of the State of Wisconsin enacted legislation providing for allocation to the
- 2 respective counties in the state on an acreage basis for the county fish and game projects on the condition that
- 3 the counties match the state allocation; and
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, Rock County desires to participate in county fish and game projects pursuant to provisions of
- 6 s.23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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- 8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this
- 9 11th day of October, 2018, hereby authorizes to expend the funds appropriated and the funds to
- 10 be received from the State of Wisconsin for the improvement of the fish and wildlife habitat, and to operate and
- 11 maintain or to cause to be operated and maintained the project for its intended purpose
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- 13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Parks Manager to
- 14 act on behalf of Rock County to submit a state grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural
- 15 Resources (DNR) for 2019 financial aid for county fish and game projects; sign documents; and the necessary
- 16 action to undertake, direct and complete the approved projects.

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Respectfully submitted,

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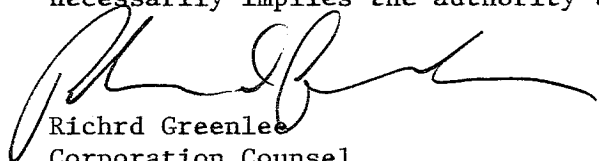
This resolution authorizes Parks to apply for the County Conservation Aids Grant for FY 2019. If awarded, this grant requires a 50% match. This match will be met using in-kind services.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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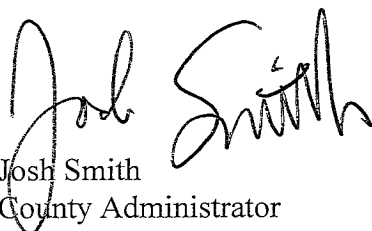
The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.



Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -
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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 2018 for use in 2019. Parks plans to access this funding source to help pay for invasive species control at Magnolia Bluff Park and Carver-Roehl Park. 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 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 we've achieved a noticeable reduction of the invasive species. We feel the time is now appropriate to share these efforts with both parks that have State Natural Areas.