

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



John Traynor, Parks Manager
DRAFTED BY

Public Works & Planning Committees
SUBMITTED BY

March 2, 2020
DATE DRAFTED

Adoption of the 2020-2025 Rock County Parks, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space (POROS) Plan

1 **WHEREAS**, it is good management practice for the Rock County Parks Division to have a long-
2 range plan to assure that park planning goals, objectives, and policies are current for its operation
3 and assets; and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, Rock County desires to maintain its eligibility for grant funding for the acquisition
6 and development of park and recreational facilities through State and Federal programs; and needs
7 to update the 2015-2020 POROS Plan in order to remain eligible for State, Federal, and foundation
8 grants, which along with local matching funds can be used to help improve the County's parks,
9 outdoor recreation facilities, and open space areas to the benefit of Rock County Citizens; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires that the County update its
12 POROS Plan every five years to maintain such eligibility and to assure that park planning goals,
13 objects, and policies are current; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, the County has contracted with Vandewalle & Associates to prepare an update to the
16 2015-2020 County's POROS Plan which included a data gathering process that used extensive
17 public participation including staff input sessions, public surveys, focus groups, and an open house;
18 and,
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20 **WHEREAS**, the 2020-2025 POROS Plan goals and priorities recommended by the Public Works,
21 Parks Advisory, and Planning & Development Committees are based on this extensive process of
22 public input; and,
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24 **WHEREAS**, the 2020-2025 POROS plan is intended to be used by the Rock County Parks
25 Manager, Parks Staff, and Public Works Parks Advisory Committee to pursue appropriate park,
26 outdoor recreation and open space items and projects; and,
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28 **WHEREAS**, the proposed 2020-2025 POROS Plan has been reviewed and recommended for
29 adoption by both the Parks and Planning Department Staffs; and,
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31 **WHEREAS**, the proposed 2020-2025 POROS Plan is consistent with the Rock County
32 Comprehensive Plan 2035.
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34 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors shall pursue the implementation of the Rock
35 County 2020-2025 POROS Plan as opportunities and resources are presented and available.
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37 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
38 assembled this 11th day of June, 2020, hereby adopts the 2020-2025 Rock County Parks,
39 Outdoor Recreation, and Open Space (POROS) Plan, to serve as the County's updated POROS
40 plan and chapter twelve of the Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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ENDORSED BY
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/s/Floyd Finney
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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 secs. 59.69(1) and 66.1001, Wis. Stats.


Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended

Josh Smith
County Administrator

– EXECUTIVE SUMMARY –

Rock County Park, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan (POROS)

In order to remain eligible for state, federal and foundation grants, Rock County needs to update the 2015-2020 POROS Plan. These grant funds, along with local matching funds can continue to be utilized to help improve the county's parks, outdoor recreation facilities, and open space areas to the benefit of Rock County citizens quality of life. The Plan has a five-year planning horizon. It will need to be updated in 2025 for the next five-year planning period.

The POROS planning process included a data gathering process that used extensive public participation including staff input sessions, community survey, focus groups, and an open house.

The proposed Rock County POROS Plan is one document and includes the following sections: 1) Introduction and Background Information, 2) Planning Process and Public Participation, 3) Existing Park and Recreational Facilities, 4) Goals, Objectives, and Policies, 5) Park and Recreation Standards, 6) Analysis of Existing Park and Recreation Facilities, 7) Recommended Park and Open Space Improvements, 8) Capital Improvements Plan, and 9) Implementation Action Plan.

We realize that this is ambitious, but without enumeration, those projects would not be eligible for grant or other funding options.

The proposed 2020-2025 POROS Plan has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by both the Parks and Planning Department Staffs. The proposed POROS Plan update is consistent with the Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035 and will be updated as chapter twelve of the plan.