

# RESOLUTION

## ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee  
INITIATED BY

Public Works Committee & Parks Advisory  
Committee  
SUBMITTED BY



Lori Williams, Parks Director  
DRAFTED BY

August 25, 2017  
DATE DRAFTED

### AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR COUNTY FISH AND GAME PROJECT GRANT FUNDS

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the legislature of the State of Wisconsin enacted legislation providing for allocation to
- 2 the respective counties in the state on an acreage basis for the county fish and game projects on the
- 3 condition that 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
- 6 provisions of s.23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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- 8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
- 9 assembled this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, is hereby authorized to expend the funds
- 10 appropriated and the funds to be received from the State of Wisconsin for the improvement of the fish
- 11 and wildlife habitat, and to operate and maintain or to cause to be operated and maintained the project
- 12 for its intended purpose.
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- 14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Parks
- 15 Director to act on behalf of Rock County to submit a state grant application to the Wisconsin
- 16 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for 2018 financial aid for county fish and game projects; sign
- 17 documents; and the necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved projects.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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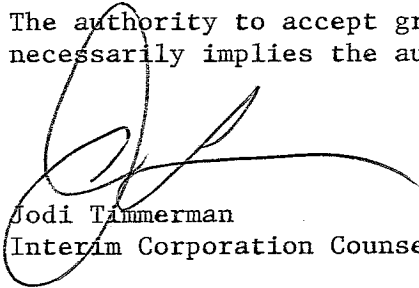
This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and therefore has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.



Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

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



Jodi Tammerman  
Interim Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith  
County Administrator

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

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COUNTY FISH AND GAME PROJECT 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 2017 for use in 2018. 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.