

# RESOLUTION

## ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee  
Initiated by

Public Works Committee  
& Parks Advisory Committee  
Submitted by



John Traynor, Parks Manager  
Drafted by

April 5, 2021  
Date Drafted

**AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH  
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
FOR STEWARDSHIP LOCAL ASSISTANCE, FEDERAL LAND & WATER CONSERVATION  
FUND & RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM APPLICATION GRANT FUNDS**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Parks Division desires to participate in stewardship grant funded  
2 projects pursuant to provisions of s.23.09(11) of the Wisconsin Statutes: and,

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4 **WHEREAS**, matching grant funds are available from the Wisconsin DNR and a resolution of  
5 application for Stewardship Grant is required: and,

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7 **WHEREAS**, Rock County is interested in developing trails for public outdoor recreation purposes  
8 as described in the application; and,

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10 **WHEREAS**, financial aid is required to carry out the project; and,

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12 **WHEREAS**, the 2020-2025 Rock County Parks Outdoor Recreation Open Space (POROS) Plan  
13 recommends the paving of the Peace Trail.

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15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this  
16 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, hereby authorizes John Traynor, Parks Manager, Parks  
17 Division-Public Works Department, to act on behalf of Rock County to submit an application to  
18 the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial aid for Stewardship and  
19 Recreational Trails Program Application Funds that may be available.

Respectfully submitted,  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

/s/Rick Richard  
Rick Richard, Chair

/s/Floyd Finney  
Floyd Finney

/s/Mary Mawhinney  
Mary Mawhinney, Vice-Chair

/s/Dean Paynter  
Dean Paynter

/s/Mike Mulligan  
Mike Mulligan

/s/Tom Presney  
Tom Presny

/s/Yuri Rashkin  
Yuri Rashkin

/s/Bob Yeomans  
Bob Yeomans

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.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith  
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the application for a grant. There is no fiscal impact unless the grant is awarded.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

## - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

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The 2020-2025 Rock County POROS plans recommends paving the Peace Trail from Janesville to Beloit with a hard surface to improve accessibility. This resolution provides authorization to apply for funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Stewardship Local Assistance, Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund, and Recreation Trails Program Application Grant Funds and include the City of Janesville's portion.

In order to move forward on this project, the Rock County Parks Division desires to apply for Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Stewardship Grant Fund and be the project sponsor for the City of Janesville's portion of the Peace Trail. This grant program prioritizes projects that rehabilitate existing trails and inter-governmental cooperation.

The grant being applied for requires a 50/50 match of local funds. The anticipated joint project cost for the paving of the Peace Trail is \$331,860, of which \$165,930 would be covered by the Stewardship Grant funds. Rock County's share of the project costs would be \$94,080, with the City of Janesville contributing \$71,850.

Estimated Cost of Peace Trail Paving from Janesville Wastewater Plant to Duggan Road

	Cost	50/50 Match
City of Janesville (1.57 mile section)	\$143,700	\$ 71,850
County of Rock (2.06 mile section)	\$188,160	<b>\$ 94,080</b>
Total	\$331,860	\$165,930

The Rock County Parks was awarded a Recreational Trail Program Grant in 2020 in the amount of \$45,000 with a 50/50 match for the paving of the Peace Trail from Walters Road to S. Duggan Road. If this grant application is approved and we are awarded this grant, we would like to complete the projects at the same time to minimize mobilization costs.

Currently, the Parks Division is pursuing additional funding options, including possible donations or use of ATC funds, to offset the remaining balance not covered by the Stewardship Grant. The Parks Division does not intend to impact current or future County fund balances with this grant application. If the grant is approved, further action from the County Board would be required to accept the Stewardship Grant funding and authorize paving of the Peace Trail.