



**RESOLUTION # 57-2/20**

**TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**ITEM # 2-7**

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 24  
Against: -  
Abstain: -  
Abs/Excd: 5  
Vote Req: -  
Other Action: -

**PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 0

**RE: APPROVAL OF AMENDED LA CROSSE COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN 2019-2024**

**WHEREAS**, in May of 2019, La Crosse County approved the outdoor recreation plan developed to improve, enhance and expand the outdoor recreational opportunities available in La Crosse County (Resolution No. 3-5/19); and,

**WHEREAS**, one of the intentions of this plan was to make local units of government eligible for the state's stewardship local assistance grant program known as the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and the federal Land and Water Conservation (LWCF) grant program which will assist in acquiring properties that would connect existing trails or expand and/or preserve existing open space corridors; and,

**WHEREAS**, since May of 2019 the State has advised that aspects of the plan need clarification in order for local units of government to become eligible for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and these amendments have now been made to the plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the La Crosse County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2019-2024 as amended;

**FISCAL NOTE:** The implementation steps necessary to implement this plan will be authorized individually within the Facilities and Bluffland Coalition Budgets of the years 2019 - 2024.

Date: February 10, 2020  
Patrick J. Gardner  
**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Date: February 10, 2020  
Alice K. Sorenson  
**RECORDING CLERK**

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.		<u>50</u>		Requested By: Jim Speropulos Date Requested: January 22, 2020 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	<u>[Signature]</u>			
Corp. Counsel	<u>[Signature]</u>			
Board Chair	<u>[Signature]</u>			

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 20 Day of February, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

[Signature]  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk

### Connected Recreational Environment

A goal identified in the planning process was to work towards creating recreational linkages (trails, open space corridors, etc.) throughout La Crosse County. This can be accomplished by requiring future developments/redevelopments (at their expense) to incorporate greenways or other recreational resources into their projects. La Crosse County and local municipalities will also work toward acquiring (through state grant funding) specific properties that would connect existing trails or expand and/or preserve existing open space corridors.

### Marketing

Public outdoor recreational facilities are often taken for granted and for this reason in difficult economic times funding for such facilities is scrutinized and, in many cases reduced or eliminated. Therefore, marketing has been identified by La Crosse County as needed to bring public awareness to the existing recreational facilities and in doing so provide an alternative source of funding for the various recreational facilities and programs. In an effort to promote public awareness La Crosse County will continue to pursue and enhance the following marketing strategies:

- Development/update of a La Crosse County Parks Brochure
- Internet Web Site Design and Marketing

### Impact Fees

As earlier discussed, in difficult economic times funding for recreation facilities and programs is often reduced or eliminated. Therefore, La Crosse County will consider pursuing the implementation of a recreational use impact fee for the purpose of funding the development of future recreational facilities and programs. The County will work with local units of government on determining the viability of assessing recreational impact fees.

### Boat Launch Fees

La Crosse County managed boat launches experience heavy use and require annual maintenance. To meet increased demands/needs of the launch users, the County continues to evaluate implementing a boat launch fee at County managed boat launches.

### Town/Village Action Programs

As part of the planning process six towns and two villages submitted future projects that they plan on undertaking (provided funding is available) to meet future recreational demands.

Funding for the improvements will be derived from local sources (local budgets, donations, etc.) and applications will be made to state agencies or private foundations for eligible projects. A listing of possible funding sources is detailed later in this chapter.

The towns/villages with locally administered parks operate and maintain the parks through funds designated in their existing budgets. The operation and maintenance of the parks primarily involves lawn mowing, garbage collection and minor maintenance repairs.

The following tables detail the action programs of the municipalities.

**Table 14. Town of Holland**

<b>Town of Holland Action Program</b>				
Future recreation projects identified by the Town of Holland. Listed in order of priority.				
	<b>Park Name</b>	<b>Project(s)</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Implementation Year</b>
1.	Gaynor Park	Replace outdated swing set	\$2,525	2019
2.	Wildflower Park	Install Gazebo, walking trail, benches and landscaping existing grounds	\$20,000	2019-2020
3.		Acquire Tier 1 & Tier 2 Bluffland Properties as identified in "The Blufflands Plan"		2020-2024
4.		Develop trails on acquired Bluffland properties		2020-2024

**Table 15. Town of Farmington**

<b>Town of Farmington Action Program</b>				
Future recreation projects identified by the Town of Farmington. Listed in order of priority.				
	<b>Park Name</b>	<b>Project(s)</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Implementation Year</b>
1.	Browns Valley School	Replace outdoor toilet facilities	\$20,000	2025
2.	Mindoro Ballfield	Replace ballfield lights	\$90,000	2028-2029

**Table 16. Towns of Shelby, Medary and Onalaska**

<b>Towns of Shelby, Medary and Onalaska Action Programs</b>				
Future recreation projects identified by the Towns of Shelby, Medary and Onalaska.				
	<b>Park Name</b>	<b>Project(s)</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Implementation Year</b>
1.		Acquire Tier 1 & Tier 2 Bluffland Properties as identified in "The Blufflands Plan"		2020-2024
2.		Develop trails on acquired Bluffland properties		2020-2024

**Funding Options**

Numerous grant programs for public recreation facilities and areas are available through state and federal offices as well as through private foundations. All the programs are available to counties, cities, villages, towns and recognized Native American tribal units, and in some cases public school districts, and non-profit organizations, if the land owned by them is open to the general public for outdoor recreation. A list and brief description of the potential funding programs follows: