

**ACCEPTANCE OF A WDNR SNOWMOBILE TRAIL AIDS GRANT
FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON**

Dane County sponsors over 400 miles of snowmobile trails, which are part of Wisconsin's funded statewide trail system. The County partners with local snowmobile clubs that provide on-the-ground trail maintenance and grooming to ensure safe and accessible routes for riders.

In Wisconsin, counties are the only eligible applicants for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Motorized Snowmobile Trail Aids grants, ensuring a consistent, organized, and accountable approach to managing the state's snowmobile trail network.

Dane County Parks staff administer these grants, including the annual maintenance program, applications for new or replacement snowmobile bridges, and oversight of bridge development projects (which includes Public Works staff time), while Dane County Park Rangers conduct annual inspections to ensure proper signage, layout, and safety compliance.

The WDNR provides trail aid grant funding of up to \$300 per mile for each funded mile in the system, which for the 2025–2026 season amounts to \$122,340 for Dane County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby accept \$122,340 in Snowmobile Trail Aids funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the 2025–2026 season; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Executive is authorized to sign the grant award agreement, and that the Dane County Parks Director, or their designee, is authorized to submit all required reports and reimbursement requests to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.