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**Motorized Recreation Grant Application**

For: (choose all that apply)

Form 8700-159 (R 02/2024)

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ATV/UTV Trail Aid

Snowmobile Trail Aid

**Due Date: April 15**

**Notice:** Completion of this form is required under Wisconsin Statutes 23.09(26) and 23.33. Failure to complete this form will result in denial of financial assistance. Personally identifiable information found on this form is not intended to be used for any other purpose. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may provide this information to requesters as required by Wisconsin's Public Records law {ss. 19.31 – 19.39, Wis. Stats.}.

**Instructions:** Applications may combine more than one source of funds. They may be submitted for consideration of traditional ATV, UTV, Snowmobile and Motorized Stewardship funding. Submit one copy of all forms and attachments. See Page 2 for necessary attachments. Send applications to your [Community Services Specialist](#).

DNR Use Only	
Category	Number

**Section 1: Applicant Information**

Applicant / Organization Name Vilas County			Check Recipient: Individual other than authorized individual to act on behalf of the applicant. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Select if the same as applicant.		
Individual Authorized to Act on Behalf of Applicant per Resolution Todd Bierman			Check Recipient Name (Name to Appear on Check) Todd Bierman		
Title Vilas County Park and Recreational Supervisor			Title Vilas County Park and Recreational Supervisor		
Address 330 Court St.			Address 330 Court St.		
City Eagle River	State WI	ZIP Code 54521	City Eagle River	State WI	ZIP Code 54521
Telephone Number (715) 479-5160		Email Address tobier@vilascountywi.gov			

**Section 2: Project Information Required for all Projects**

Project Title Eagle River Airport Trail Relocate					Current Funded Miles 497.8	New Miles (if applicable) 0
County Vilas	Township 40 N	Range 10	Section 21	¼ ¼ SW	¼ NW	GPS Coordinates: Lat. _____ Long. _____

**Project Description Summary**

Due to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Corridor Trail 10/13 had to be relocated. The FAA was concerned with the trail being so close to the end of the runway, specifically snowmobile headlights. We were forced to come up with a quick fix and have worked with the Wisconsin Department on Transportation to relocate the trail in the USH 45 ROW. This past season, the Sno-Eagle snowmobile club worked with the city of Eagle River to have snow hauled in to level the side-sloop where the trail was placed. The property is basically a bowl with a retention pond for the storm sewers from USH 45. This causes a safety issue not only for the riders but for the groomer operators. The drag wants to kick out down hill while being pulled. This request is for a permanent solution by creating a permanent, level trail base. Silt fencing is need fore erosion control and the new trail base will have grass seed installed to control future erosion issues.

I certify that all maintenance land use agreements are on file.

**Estimated Cost**

Maintenance	Acquisition	Insurance	Development	Bridge Rehab.	Trail Rehab.	Total Estimated Cost
			\$37,247.70			\$37,247.70
Leave Blank – DNR Use Only						

**Applicant Certification**

Printed Name of Authorized Official Todd Bierman	Official's Title Vilas County Parks & Recreational Supervisor
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As the applicant's authorized official, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct.

  
 Signature of Authorized Official

3/10/2026  
 Date Prepared

**Appendix B – Required for Trail/Qualified Troute Rehab, Reroute, or Development**

Trail Rehab    
  Qualified Troute    
  New Trail    
  Trail Reroute (Mandatory or Discretionary)

County	Township	Range	<input checked="" type="radio"/> E <input type="radio"/> W	Section	¼ ¼	¼	GPS Coordinates: Lat. Long.
Vilas	40 N	10		21	SW	NW	

Funded Trail Name or Number (SNARS if applicable)	Has this trail ever received development or rehabilitation funds in the past?
Corridor Trail 10/13	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No                    Year: _____ \$ _____

Trail is located on: <input type="radio"/> Private property <input checked="" type="radio"/> Public property	Length of Easement or Landowner Use Agreement Perpetual years	Expiration Date
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Landowner Where Trail is Located Wisconsin Department of Transportation	Telephone Number (715) 365-3490
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What other recreational trail uses are planned for this trail?  
 None at this time.  
 If there are other Recreational uses planned, how much of the trail development/rehab. cost will be paid for by other users?

How many miles would be affected if this project is not funded? 0	Will this result in closure of a trail? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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Is this a critical section to the overall trail system? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Is there a reasonable alternative? Trail is in place. Project would make it safer and more maintainable.
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Does any section of this trail contain a bridge? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Will this bridge require rehabilitation now or in the next few years? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	What is the weight of your puller & drag/grading equipment? lbs.
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- Yes     No    Have you contacted your local [DNR Water Management Specialist \(WMS\)](#) regarding a permit?
- Yes     No    Is a permit needed? (Please provide any written correspondence from WMS.)
- Yes     No    Will this project be located near or cross any intermittent or perennial waterway? [Surface Water Data Viewer](#)
- Yes     No    Will this project be located near or cross any wetland?
- Yes     No    Will this project involve land disturbance – including clearing and grubbing – of 1 acre or more of land? (Less than 4/10th mile for a typical trail) [DNR Storm Water Contact List](#)

**Trail Project Detailed Description**  
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Guidelines for Applicant

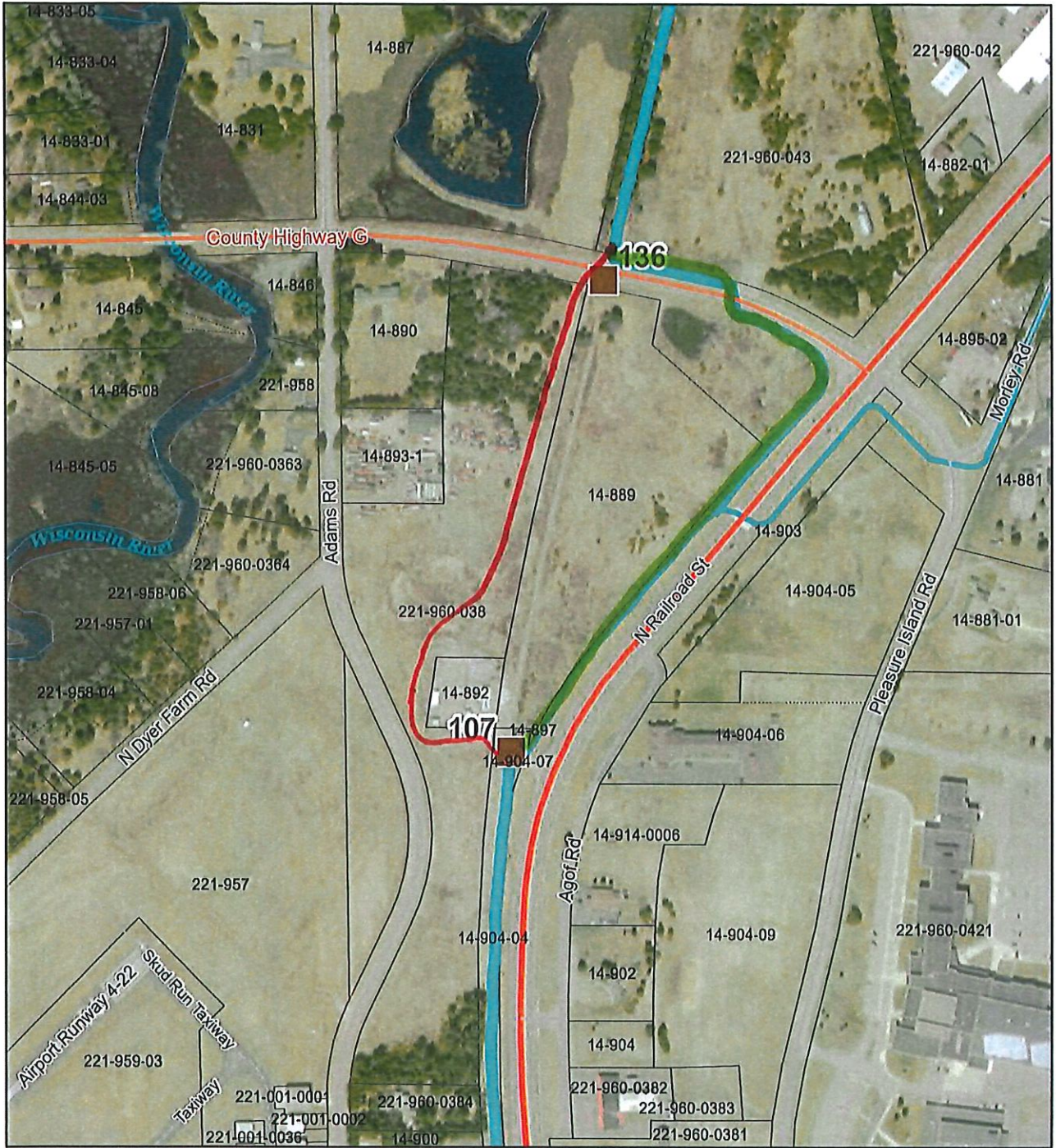
Complete this form for each relocation you are submitting a grant application for. Provide any additional documents not requested on application checklist to substantiate your points, including actual deeded easements.

<b>Mandatory or Discretionary?</b> (no points)	
A) Trail is already closed or will be closed for the upcoming season. = <b>Mandatory</b>	A
B) Trail won't be closed for the coming season, but relocation is preferable for landowner request. to avoid road use. etc = <b>Discretionary</b>	

Category		Possible Points	Actual Points
<b>1</b>	<b>Maintenance Increase Only</b>		
	New trail footprint has already been cleared/constructed, application is requesting only a maintenance increase	2	
<b>2</b>	<b>Dedicated Highway Rec Wing</b>		
	An opportunity to develop a dedicated rec wing on a highway will allow for increased safety of trail users by getting them off of a shared highway bridge.	2	
<b>3</b>	<b>Funding</b> (maximum points 2) Are other funds already committed?		
	50% or greater from other funding source(s)?	2	
	11% - 49% from other funding source(s)?	1	
	0% - 10% from other funding source(s)?	0	
<b>4</b>	<b>Length of Written Easements or Land Use Agreement</b> (max points 4) (ch. 23.09(26)(am)1 WI Stats)		
	On public land (County, State, Federal)	4	4
	10 or more year <b>deeded easement</b> on private land or other public land, for all portions of that trail segment to the nearest road on each side	3	
	3-9 year <b>deeded easement</b> on private land or other public land, for all portions of that trail to the nearest road on each side	2	
	10 or more year land use agreement (LUA, not deeded) on private land or other public land	1	
	3-9 year land use agreement (LUA, not deeded) on private land or other public land	0	
<b>5</b>	<b>Miles Impacted</b> – How many miles will need to rerouted if the trail is shut down? Measured from nearest intersection on both sides of lost segment. (max 4 points)		
	Less than 20 miles	1	
	20 miles or more	3	3
	No other snowmobile trails connect. Explain:	4	
	<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>		
<b>8</b>	<b>County Active Project Deduction</b> (maximum deduction 1 point) A snowmobile active project is one that has exceeded it's initial grant period.		
	Two or more active projects - deduct 1 point	-1	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>7</b>



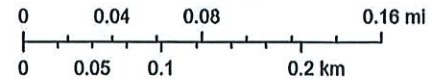
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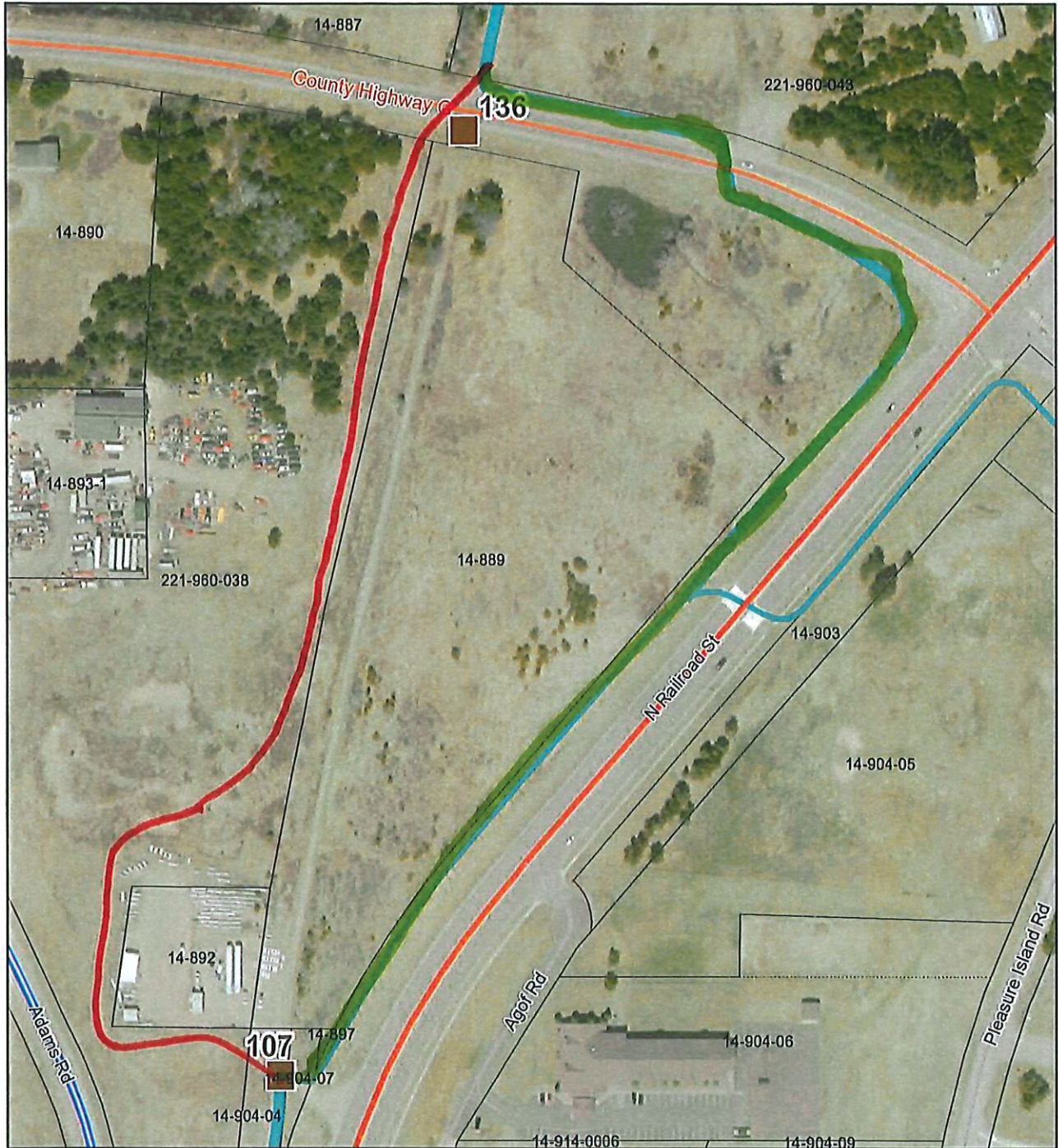
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| TINS             | Runway            | Meander Line        | Surface Water Area |
| Road Centerlines | Snowmobile Trails | Natural Feature     | DNR Wetland Point  |
| US/State Highway | Corridor          | Right of Way        | DNR Wetland Area   |
| County Highway   | Funded            | Tax Parcel Polygons | <b>Image</b>       |
| Local Road       | Tax Parcel Lines  | Tax Parcel          | Red: Band_1        |
| Service Road     | Boundary Line     | Water Lines         | Green: Band_2      |
|                  | Lot/Survey Line   | Surface Water Line  | Blue: Band_3       |



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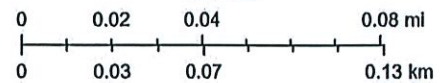
# Airport Relocate Aerial (Old Trail Red/New trail green)



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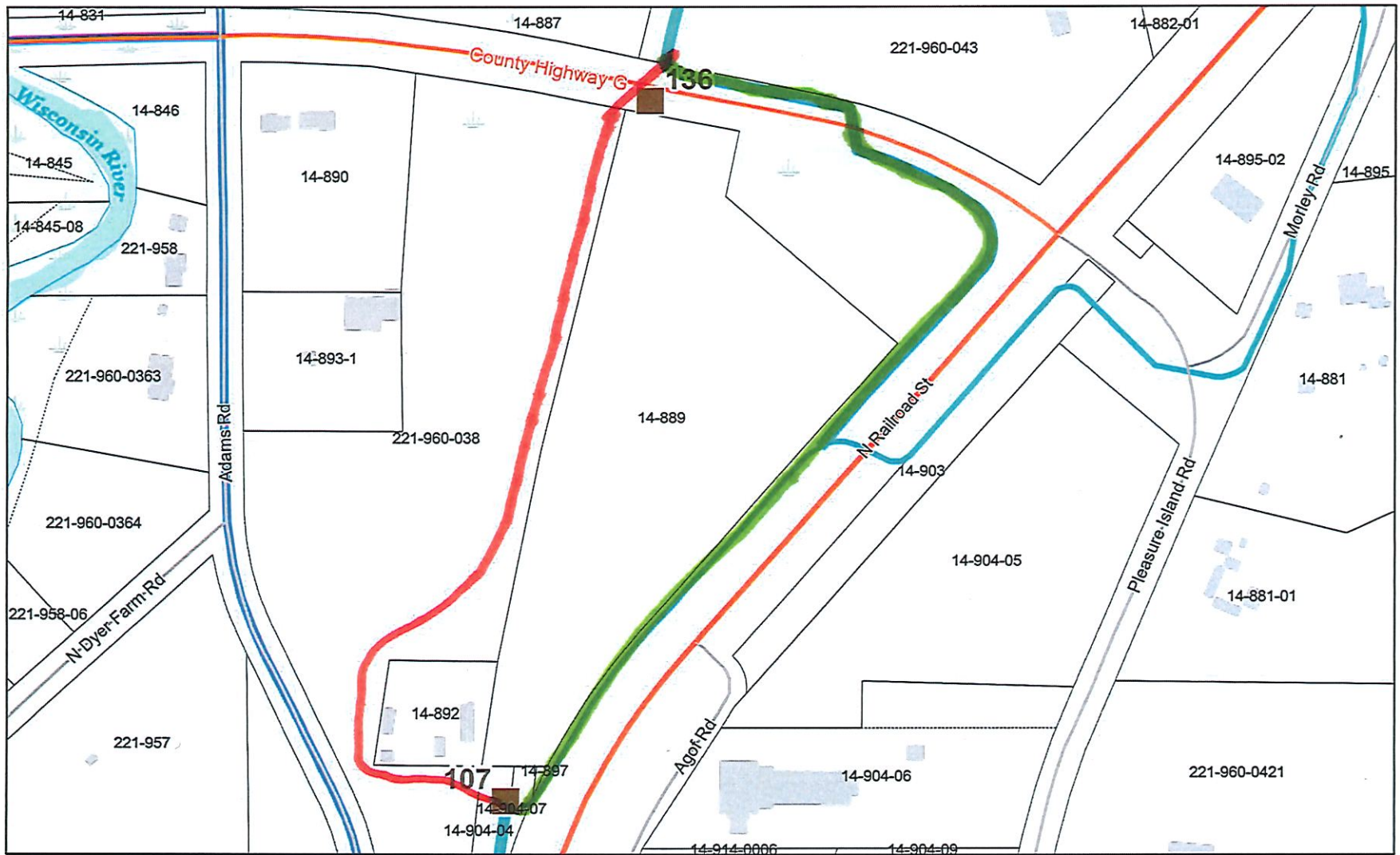
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|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| TINS             | Snowmobile Trails | Tax Parcel Polygons |
| Road Centerlines | Corridor          | Tax Parcel          |
| US/State Highway | Funded            | DNR Welland Point   |
| County Highway   | Tax Parcel Lines  | Image               |
| Local Road       | Boundary Line     | Red: Band_1         |
| ATV/UTV Trails   | Lot/Survey Line   | Green: Band_2       |
| Route            | Right of Way      | Blue: Band_3        |



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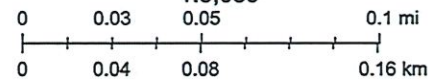
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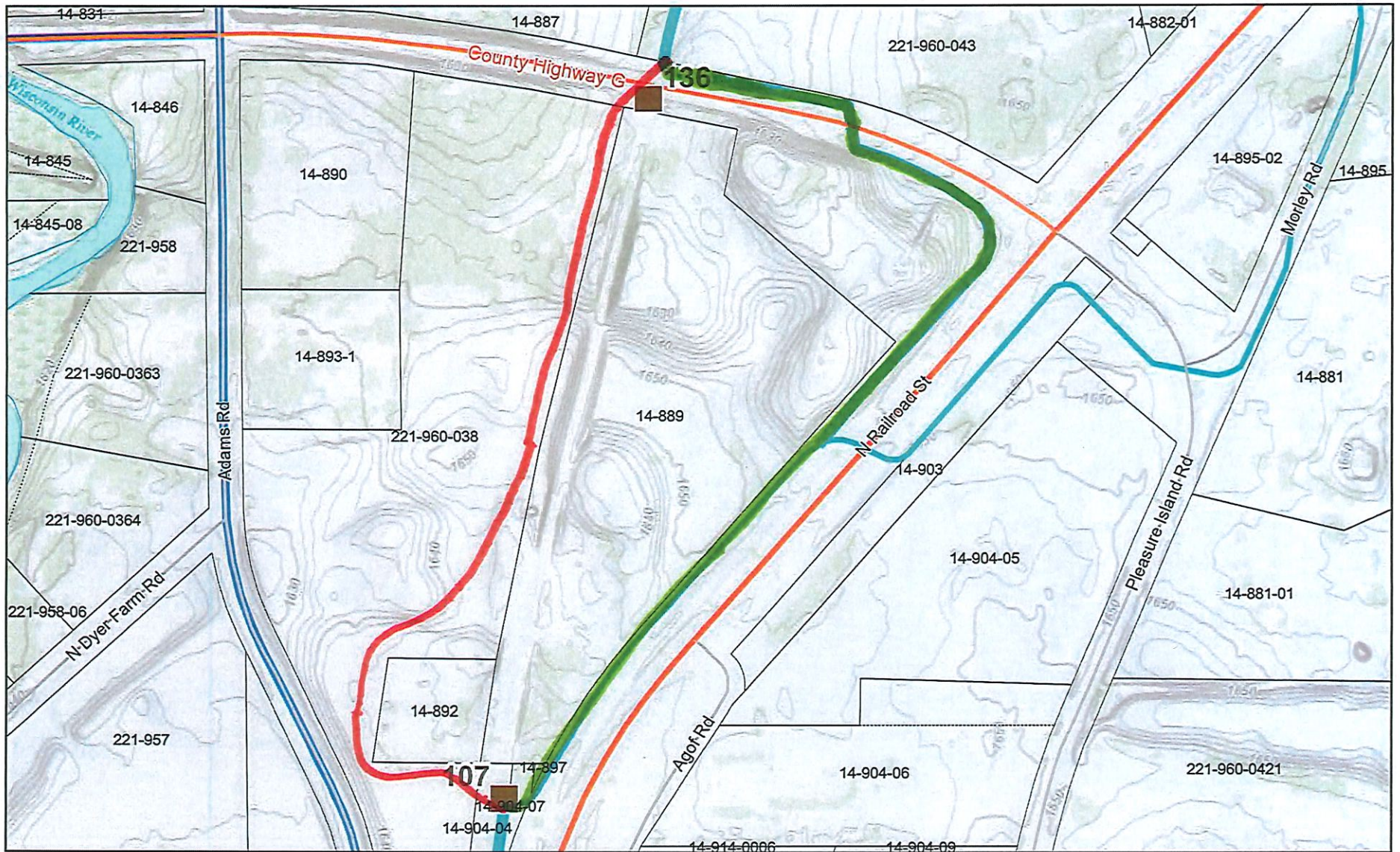
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|------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| TINS             | County Highway | Snowmobile Trails | Tax Parcel Lines | Natural Feature     | Building Area      | DNR Wetland Point |
| Road Centerlines | Local Road     | Corridor          | Boundary Line    | Right of Way        | Water Lines        | DNR Wetland Area  |
| US/State Highway | ATV/UTV Trails | Funded            | Lot/Survey Line  | Tax Parcel Polygons | Surface Water Line |                   |
|                  | Route          |                   | Meander Line     | Tax Parcel          | Surface Water Area | County Boundary   |



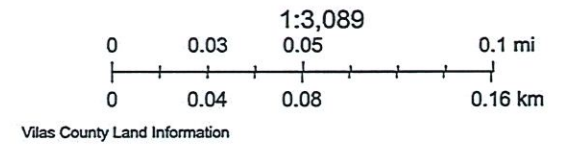
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# Airport Relocate Topo (Old Trail Red/New Trail Green)



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| TINS             | ATV/UTV Trails    | Tax Parcel Lines | Right of Way           | Waterbody                    | 1,622.39842 - 1,648.565605  |
| Road Centerlines | Snowmobile Trails | Boundary Line    | Tax Parcel Polygons    | DNR Wetland Points           | 1,648.565606 - 1,670.014669 |
| US/State Highway | Corridor          | Lot/Survey Line  | Tax Parcel             | DNR Wetlands                 | 1,670.01467 - 1,696.181856  |
| County Highway   | Funded            | Meander Line     | Contours Two (Level 3) | Vegetation (Medium and High) | 1,696.181857 - 1,728.105004 |
| Local Road       |                   | Natural Feature  | Major Elevation (10ft) | 1,590.475272 - 1,622.398419  | 255 - 0                     |
|                  |                   |                  | Minor Elevation (2ft)  |                              | County Background           |



## Todd Bierman

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**From:** fbo erairport.com <fbo@erairport.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 1:37 PM  
**To:** Todd Bierman  
**Cc:** Dan Dumas  
**Subject:** RE: FAA Letter

Snowmobile trails are illegal on airport property, WI Statutes, Chapter 350, Section 350.10. It was brought to the attention of the FAA that there was a snowmobile trail on airport property. I got a phone call.

Rob

**From:** Todd Bierman <tobier@vilascountywi.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 1:32 PM  
**To:** fbo erairport.com <fbo@erairport.com>  
**Cc:** Dan Dumas <dan@snoeagles.org>  
**Subject:** RE: FAA Letter

Thanks, Rob. Why did we relocate this trail then. I am just trying to figure it out.

Thanks,  
Todd

*Todd Bierman*

**Park and Recreation Supervisor**  
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**From:** fbo erairport.com <fbo@erairport.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 1:07 PM  
**To:** Todd Bierman <tobier@vilascountywi.gov>  
**Cc:** Dan Dumas <dan@snoeagles.org>  
**Subject:** RE: FAA Letter

Hi Todd:

I do not have any written correspondence from the FAA regarding relocating snowmobile trails.

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**Robert Hom**  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 12:58 PM  
**To:** fbo erairport.com <[fbo@erairport.com](mailto:fbo@erairport.com)>  
**Cc:** Dan Dumas <[dan@snoeagles.org](mailto:dan@snoeagles.org)>  
**Subject:** FAA Letter

Hi Rob,

Do you have any correspondence from the FAA regarding the relocating the snowmobile trail from where it ran clos to Adams Rd.? If you could please share that with me, it would be appreciated. I would like for a grant application for this trail relocation.

Thank you,  
Todd

*Todd Bierman*

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