



AGENDA

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
12:30 PM**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 5, 2014 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2014-0264: A Resolution determining the services and programs that shall be provided and funded from the Veterans Services Fund in 2014; authorizing payments to various providers, in the total amount of \$241,867.20, for said services and programs for the period ending 12/31/2015; authorizing the County Executive to negotiate and execute any necessary agreements, contracts or other documents for same; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
 - b) R2014-0277: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Baldwin Creek Corridor, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
 - c) R2014-0278: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along

the West Creek Reservation, Phase 4; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

- d) R2014-0279: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of City of Bedford Heights for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Solon Road Preserve, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- e) R2014-0280: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Bear Creek, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- f) R2014-0281: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works for the preservation and restoration of natural open space within Stage 3 of the Towpath Trail Extension in connection with the Tremont Pointe Preserve and Greenway Project, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- g) R2014-0282: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Western Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along Lakeshore Boulevard in the Village of Bratenahl, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- h) O2014-0036: An Ordinance amending Section 804.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code by adding a new Section 804.01(D) to establish a post-secondary, small business internship component to the Educational Assistance Program and renumbering subsequent sections.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Ms. Culek to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Hairston and Germana were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Schron and Connally were absent from the meeting. Councilmembers Miller and Conwell were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 1, 2014 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Germana, seconded by Mr. Hairston and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2014 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2014-0262: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Agreement No. AG1200285-01 with Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County for fiscal agent services for the Families and Schools Together Program in connection with the Ohio Children's Trust Fund FY2013 Grant Program for the period 7/1/2012 - 9/30/2014 to extend the time period to 9/30/2015 and for additional funds in the amount not-to- exceed \$614,036.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the

amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Robin Martin, Director of the Family & Children First Council, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0262. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Martin pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2014-0262 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Germana suggested that the final version of Ordinance No. O2014-0026 be sent to the local mayors and city managers association for comment.

Ms. Simon thanked the Committee for its support regarding the creation of the Sustainability Department.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 1:19 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0264

Sponsored by: Councilmember Greenspan	A Resolution determining the services and programs that shall be provided and funded from the Veterans Services Fund in 2014; authorizing payments to various providers, in the total amount of \$241,867.20, for said services and programs for the period ending 12/31/2015; authorizing the County Executive to negotiate and execute any necessary agreements, contracts or other documents for same; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Chapter 5901 of the Ohio Revised Code established a veterans service commission in each Ohio county, among whose duties include providing for the “administration of assistance” to veterans and “establishing programs of outreach and coordination with other agencies to enhance available services to veterans within the county;” and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Service Commission of Cuyahoga County is required to annually determine the amount it needs to provide assistance to veterans and must prepare and submit a budget to the Cuyahoga County Council, such budget to be within a statutorily prescribed formula; and

WHEREAS, the Council may review the proposed budget, but is required to appropriate the requested amount so long as the proposed budget is within the statutorily prescribed formula; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Service Commission of Cuyahoga County has not traditionally spent all of its annual appropriation, returning an average of \$1.2M per fiscal year to the General Fund of Cuyahoga County for fiscal years 2008 through 2011;” and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. O2012-0013, Cuyahoga County Council established the Veterans Services Fund, whereby the amounts appropriated and unspent by the Veterans Service Commission of Cuyahoga County are to be placed in a Veterans Services Fund and used to benefit veterans of the county; and

WHEREAS, \$282,334.00 has been deposited in the Veterans Services Fund from the 2013 appropriation for the Veterans Services Commission and \$20,000.00 remains unspent from the previous appropriation deposited in the Veterans Services Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 711 of the Cuyahoga County Code, Cuyahoga County Council shall determine the services and programs that shall be provided or funded from the Veterans Services Fund, consistent with the amount of funds available and with the purpose of the Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 711 of the Cuyahoga County Code, Council directed that 20% of the available funds each year shall be used for a workforce development program to assist veterans with the costs of post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, under Resolution No. R2014-0204, Council authorized payments of \$30,233.40 each to Cuyahoga Community College and Cleveland State University to fulfill the requirement for workforce development programs to assist veterans with the costs of post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, Council now desires to determine the services and programs that shall be provided or funded from the remaining available 2013 funds, and the amounts to be designated for the services and programs; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the beneficial and immediate impact of these funds, Council has determined that it would be advantageous to the County to distribute the 2013 funds to public bodies with veterans related programs or services that benefit or exist to serve veterans or to non-profit agencies with existing or prior contracts with the County or other governmental agencies and programs or services dedicated to veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes the Fiscal Officer to make one-time expenditures of available 2014 Veterans Services Funds, in the total amount of \$241,867.20, for the following services and programs in the 2015 calendar year:

- 1) Joseph's Home for wraparound services and transition to permanent housing for medically fragile, homeless veterans in Cuyahoga County in the amount of **\$16,867.20.**
- 2) Greater Cleveland Fisher House for the creation of a facility to provide free lodging for families of veterans hospitalized and being treated at the Louis B. Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, MetroHealth System, and other area hospitals in the amount of **\$20,000.00.**
- 3) Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services for
 - a. the Supportive Services for Veterans Families Program (Operation Cleveland Home Front) administered by MHS, Inc. in the amount of **\$70,000.00.**

- b. move-in kits required for veterans entering permanent supportive housing in Cuyahoga County, supplied and administered by EDEN, Inc., in the amount of **\$30,000.00**.
- 4) The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland for its Legal Services for U.S. Veterans program in the amount of **\$40,000.00**.
- 5) Cuyahoga County Department of Workforce Development for operational support of the CO-VETT United Way Help2Veterans 2-1-1 program in the amount of **\$55,000.00**.
- 6) Towards Employment for career pathway services for low-income veterans in Cuyahoga County with significant barriers to employment in the amount of **\$10,000.00**.

SECTION 2. The Cleveland Municipal Court, Veterans Treatment Docket is hereby authorized to expend those funds previously awarded for operational support pursuant to County Council Resolution No. R2013-0086 for the period ending December 31, 2015.

SECTION 3. Each of the offices, agencies, departments, or other bodies, granted pursuant to this resolution shall provide written reports to Council by June 30, 2015 and November 30, 2015, summarizing the uses, amounts, and impacts of the distributed funds. Council may request additional information, in the form of oral or written reports.

SECTION 4. The County Executive is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute any necessary agreements or contracts in connection with the authorized expenditures and all other documents consistent with this Resolution. To the extent that any exemptions are necessary under the County Code and contracting procedures, they shall be deemed approved by the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County and the reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0277

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Connally and Simon	A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Baldwin Creek Corridor, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received a request from West Creek Conservancy for a Resolution of support of an application for ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission for the conservation of ecologically significant areas for protection along the Baldwin Creek Corridor, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and,

WHEREAS, West Creek Reservation, Phase 4, is located solely within the City of Parma between Sprague and York Roads along Baldwin Creek, which is a critical tributary of the Rocky River. The project consists of the fee simple acquisition of approximately 21 acres and 2,000 linear feet of stream, active/accessible floodplain and riparian area, one of the largest undeveloped reaches of Baldwin Creek; and,

WHEREAS, the project is known as “Baldwin Creek Corridor Conservation” and is located in County Council District No. 4; and,

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$250,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23 provides that “an entity seeking a grant for a project that is eligible for funding shall submit an application to the natural resources assistance council with geographical jurisdiction over the proposed project area;” and, Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23(B) further provides that “in addition to the application, an applicant for a grant for a project shall include a copy of a resolution supporting the project from each county in which the proposed project is to be conducted;” and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Works Commission provides financial assistance to Natural Resource Assistance Councils for the purpose of preserving open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors; and,

WHEREAS, the applications for the ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program are due on January 9, 2015 to the Cuyahoga County Natural Resource Assistance Council; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to meet the application deadline required by the Cuyahoga County Natural Resources Assistance Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby supports the submission of an application on behalf of West Creek Conservancy for ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission to protect the ecologically significant areas along the Baldwin Creek Corridor.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: November 25, 2014
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0278

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Connally and Simon	A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the West Creek Reservation, Phase 4; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received a request from West Creek Conservancy for a Resolution of support of an application for ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission for the conservation of ecologically significant areas for protection along the West Creek Reservation, Phase 4, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and,

WHEREAS, West Creek Reservation, Phase 4, is located solely within the City of Parma between Broadview Road, State Road and Pleasant Valley Road. The project consists of multiple parcels that will expand the West Creek Reservation and essentially finalize the southern leg of the park, trail and greenway system. The project consists of approximately 17 acres and just about a ½ mile of stream and acquiring property (residential) that resides within the flood zone and over-top a failing culverted stream. Aside from protecting approximately 17 acres, ½ mile of stream, and extending the parkway, the acquisition also removes structures from atop a failing culverted stream and will additionally allow for more cost effective trail implementation and future stream restoration/daylighting; and,

WHEREAS, the project is known as “West Creek Reservation, Phase 4” and is located in County Council District No. 4; and,

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$450,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23 provides that “an entity seeking a grant for a project that is eligible for funding shall submit an application to the natural resources assistance council with geographical jurisdiction over the proposed project area;” and, Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23(B) further provides that “in addition to the application, an applicant for a grant for a project shall include a copy

of a resolution supporting the project from each county in which the proposed project is to be conducted;” and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Works Commission provides financial assistance to Natural Resource Assistance Councils for the purpose of preserving open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors; and,

WHEREAS, the applications for the ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program are due on January 9, 2015 to the Cuyahoga County Natural Resource Assistance Council; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to meet the application deadline required by the Cuyahoga County Natural Resources Assistance Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby supports the submission of an application on behalf of West Creek Conservancy for ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission to protect the ecologically significant areas along the West Creek Reservation, Phase 4.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: November 25, 2014

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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_____, 20__

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0279

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Connally and Simon	A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of City of Bedford Heights for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Solon Road Preserve, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received a request from City of Bedford Heights for a Resolution of support of an application for ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission for the conservation of ecologically significant areas for protection along the Solon Road Preserve, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford Heights is seeking financial assistance for the purchase and protection of an approximately 20-acre property of ecological, historical, and cultural significance. Located on the north side of Solon Road between I-271 and Richmond Road in Bedford Heights, the property is immediately adjacent to an existing city park and in close proximity to Cleveland Metroparks' Bedford Reservation. With trees in various states of succession and a wooded ravine that is a direct tributary to Tinker's Creek, this once partially-developed property is now vacant land. Its acquisition by the City of Bedford Heights will protect the property's natural resources, including diverse plant and animal species, and safeguard ground water supplies and water quality within the Cuyahoga River watershed. Moreover, it will preserve this space for the passive recreational enjoyment of residents of Cuyahoga County and beyond for generations to come; and,

WHEREAS, the project is known as "Solon Road Preserve" and is located in County Council District No. 9; and,

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$350,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23 provides that "an entity seeking a grant for a project that is eligible for funding shall submit an application to the natural resources assistance council with geographical jurisdiction over the proposed

project area;” and, Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23(B) further provides that “in addition to the application, an applicant for a grant for a project shall include a copy of a resolution supporting the project from each county in which the proposed project is to be conducted;” and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Works Commission provides financial assistance to Natural Resource Assistance Councils for the purpose of preserving open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors; and,

WHEREAS, the applications for the ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program are due on January 9, 2015 to the Cuyahoga County Natural Resource Assistance Council; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to meet the application deadline required by the Cuyahoga County Natural Resources Assistance Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby supports the submission of an application on behalf of City of Bedford Heights for ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission to protect the ecologically significant areas along the Solon Road Preserve.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

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Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: November 25, 2014

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0280

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Connally and Simon	A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Tinker’s Creek Watershed Partners for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Bear Creek, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received a request from Tinker’s Creek Watershed Partners for a Resolution of support of an application for ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission for the conservation of ecologically significant areas for protection along the Bear Creek, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Warrensville Heights in Cuyahoga County is a highly developed, urban community with very few opportunities for residents to enjoy greenspace with only 10.8 acres of public parks (0.004% of land area). Also the city has very few daylighted streams and those that are, are channelized and do not support quality habitat.

WHEREAS, the proposed project would provide riparian protection to 515 linear feet of Bear Creek and protect 4.5 acres of green space for an underserved community and would support the goals of the State endorsed Tinker’s Creek Watershed Action Plan. The project would piece together five parcels with a single owner located along Emery Rd. The land is currently under threat from developers and needs quick action to be preserved. There are currently no structures on site and is only sparsely forested.

WHEREAS, the proposed project complements a previous project that was finished in 2012 in the upstream reaches and provides an opportunity for trail connectivity. The original goal of the project of 2012 was to restore and protect the section of Bear Creek of this proposed project area, but lack of funding did not allow this to happen. Finalizing the protection of this stretch will enhance the efforts of reducing sedimentation and improved habitat already completed in the upstream area. There are very few areas of protected stream corridor in Warrensville Heights, providing protection and restoration of what little remains is vital to help to improve overall function of the watershed; and,

WHEREAS, the project is known as “Bear Creek Land Acquisition” and is located in County Council District No. 9; and,

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$250,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23 provides that “an entity seeking a grant for a project that is eligible for funding shall submit an application to the natural resources assistance council with geographical jurisdiction over the proposed project area;” and, Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23(B) further provides that “in addition to the application, an applicant for a grant for a project shall include a copy of a resolution supporting the project from each county in which the proposed project is to be conducted;” and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Works Commission provides financial assistance to Natural Resource Assistance Councils for the purpose of preserving open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors; and,

WHEREAS, the applications for the ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program are due on January 9, 2015 to the Cuyahoga County Natural Resource Assistance Council; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to meet the application deadline required by the Cuyahoga County Natural Resources Assistance Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby supports the submission of an application on behalf of Tinker’s Creek Watershed Partners for ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission to protect the ecologically significant areas along the Bear Creek.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0281

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Connally and Simon	A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works for the preservation and restoration of natural open space within Stage 3 of the Towpath Trail Extension in connection with the Tremont Pointe Preserve and Greenway Project, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received a request from the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works for a Resolution of support of an application for ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission for the preservation and restoration of natural open space within Stage 3 of the Towpath Trail Extension in connection with the Tremont Pointe Preserve and Greenway Project, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and,

WHEREAS, the Towpath Trail: Tremont Pointe Preserve and Greenway Project encompasses two properties. The 11.25 acre property, owned by the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, is located along W. 3rd Street, between W. 7th Street and Mary Avenue. The 10.1 acre CSX surplus property is located between W. 3rd Street and W. 5th Street from Mary Avenue to Literary Road. These properties are within the larger Stage 3 of the Towpath Trail Extension Project, which is identified in the SAFTEA-LU Transportation Bill as a Cuyahoga County Engineer's Office High Priority Project and is a critical connection within the Cuyahoga County Greenspace Plan. The project will preserve a natural habitat for native plant and animal species, provide opportunities for passive outdoor recreation to the public and protect natural open space for future generations. Through the Towpath Trail, the properties will connect to other natural areas and neighborhoods throughout northeast Ohio, providing the public with safe, free access to greenspace.

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County, the Towpath Trail Extension Project manager, is joined together in a project development agreement with the City of Cleveland, Cleveland Metroparks and Canalway Partners. The properties will be acquired in the

City of Cleveland's name and encumbered with a conservation easement, protecting the open space and natural habitat; and,

WHEREAS, the project is known as "Towpath Trail: Tremont Pointe Preserve and Greenway" and is located in County Council District No. 7; and,

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$2,700,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23 provides that "an entity seeking a grant for a project that is eligible for funding shall submit an application to the natural resources assistance council with geographical jurisdiction over the proposed project area;" and, Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23(B) further provides that "in addition to the application, an applicant for a grant for a project shall include a copy of a resolution supporting the project from each county in which the proposed project is to be conducted;" and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Works Commission provides financial assistance to Natural Resource Assistance Councils for the purpose of preserving open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors; and,

WHEREAS, the applications for the ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program are due on January 9, 2015 to the Cuyahoga County Natural Resource Assistance Council; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to meet the application deadline required by the Cuyahoga County Natural Resources Assistance Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby supports the submission of an application on behalf of Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works for ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission for the preservation and restoration of natural open space within Stage 3 of the Towpath Trail Extension in connection with the Tremont Pointe Preserve and Greenway Project.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0282

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Connally and Simon	A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Western Reserve Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along Lakeshore Boulevard in the Village of Bratenahl, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received a request from Western Reserve Land Conservancy for a Resolution of support of an application for ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission for the conservation of ecologically significant areas for protection along Lakeshore Boulevard in the Village of Bratenahl, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and

WHEREAS, Western Reserve Land Conservatory project is located on the south side of Lakeshore Boulevard and north of I-90 in the Village of Bratenahl. The property is immediately adjacent to an existing Village park and across the street from a nature preserve. The project consists of the fee simple acquisition of approximately 5-acres of ecological, historical and cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, the project is known as “Lakeshore Preserve” and is located in County Council District No. 8; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$325,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23 provides that “an entity seeking a grant for a project that is eligible for funding shall submit an application to the natural resources assistance council with geographical jurisdiction over the proposed project area;” and, Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23(B) further provides that “in addition to the application, an applicant for a grant for a project shall include a copy of a resolution supporting the project from each county in which the proposed project is to be conducted;” and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Works Commission provides financial assistance to Natural Resource Assistance Councils for the purpose of preserving open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors; and,

WHEREAS, the applications for the ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program are due on January 9, 2015 to the Cuyahoga County Natural Resource Assistance Council; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to meet the application deadline required by the Cuyahoga County Natural Resources Assistance Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby supports the submission of an application on behalf of Western Reserve Land Conservancy for ninth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission to protect the ecologically significant areas along Lakeshore Boulevard in the Village of Bratenahl known as “Lakeshore Preserve”.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: November 25, 2014

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2014-0036

Sponsored by: Councilmember Miller	An Ordinance amending Section 804.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code by adding a new Section 804.01(D) to establish a post-secondary, small business internship component to the Educational Assistance Program and renumbering subsequent sections.
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WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.09(11) of the Charter authorizes Council to “establish and provide for the administration of a program to provide scholarships, loans, grants and other forms of financial assistance for residents of the County that will enable them to participate in post-secondary education, including vocational education and job training and retraining;” and

WHEREAS, Council has established the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program as codified in Section 804.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined it necessary to add an additional component to the Program to provide for the financial support of job training in the form of professional, project-based experience for post-secondary students in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Section 804.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code shall be amended by adding a new Subsection (D) and renumbering subsequent sections to read as follows:

D. Component Three – Post-secondary Professional Experience Program

1. Component Three of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program provides financial support for a paid experiential professional education program for Cuyahoga County residents who have recently completed (within one (1) year immediately preceding submitting program application) or are currently engaged in a post-secondary degree or certification program at accredited post-secondary educational institutions located within Cuyahoga County.
2. Individual allocations for each student accepted into the program may be distributed for the following uses:

- a. A stipend to be paid to the student by the program administrator;
 - b. Funding for student participation in a third-party experiential civic education program to run concurrently with Component Three; and
 - c. Appropriate administrative costs of the program administrator.
3. The County Council shall annually determine an administrating organization, and designate an amount of the budgeted funds for Component Three and allocation amounts for grants consistent with this Section.
4. Eligibility
 - a. Student Participant eligibility. Cuyahoga County residents who satisfy all of the following criteria are eligible for participation in Component Three programming:
 1. They are currently engaged in or have recently completed (within one (1) year preceding submitting program application) a post-secondary degree or certificate program at a higher education institution located within Cuyahoga County; and
 2. They meet the academic criteria as established by the program administrator.
 - b. Business Participant eligibility. Businesses located within Cuyahoga County that satisfy all of the following criteria are eligible for participation in Component Three programming:
 1. They fulfill the requirements for certification as a Small Business Enterprise under Cuyahoga County's Small Business Enterprise Program; and
 2. They prepare a work project for completion by student participants deemed appropriate by the program administrator.
5. Student participants will be selected by the program administrator to work on discrete work projects prepared by a business participant to be completed during the program.
6. The Program Administrator is responsible for the following duties:

- a. Selecting student participants for inclusion in Component Three programming; and
- b. Selecting business participants for inclusion in Component Three programming; and
- c. Selecting work projects prepared by Business Participants for completion by Student Participants; and
- d. Acting as the fiscal agent for Component Three programming and administer all stipend payments to student participants; and
- e. Coordinating the work of the student participants on the selected work projects; and
- f. Report to the Cuyahoga County Council on an annual basis on 1) the number and monetary amount of scholarships awarded, 2) a list and description of the student participants (including city of residence, post-secondary institution attended, course of post-secondary study), 3) a list and description of the business participants (including physical address, type of business) 4) a description of selected work projects including which student participants worked on each, and 5) any highlights or problems of which the Council should be aware; and
- g. Such other duties as outlined in an administration agreement between the County and the program administrator.

E. The Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes an alternative procurement process for components of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council meeting and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President Date

County Executive Date

Clerk of Council Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: November 25, 2014
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