

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0279

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmembers Connally and Simon</p> <p>Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Germana</p>	<p>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.</p>
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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.

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 Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Hairston, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Conwell, Jones and Connally

Nays: None

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

Additional Sponsorship Requested: December 3, 2014

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