

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2017-0170

Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon on behalf of Cuyahoga County Planning Commission	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 located within the Cuyahoga River Valley, 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 supporting an application for twelfth-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 located within the Cuyahoga River Valley, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and

WHEREAS, the West Creek Conservancy intends to acquire approximately 23 acres along the main stem of West Creek within the City of Parma, including over 4,000 linear feet of stream channel, as well as 3 acres of wetlands which will ultimately create a trail and greenway system connecting West Creek Reservation to the Towpath Trail and Cuyahoga Valley National Park; and

WHEREAS, the project is known as “West Creek Critical Greenway Conservation” and is located in County Council District No. 6; and

WHEREAS, West Creek Conservancy is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enrich the lives of people in Greater Cleveland by conserving natural habitats, restoring ecological value and promoting sustainability of urban lands, and expanding neighborhood opportunities to experience nature; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$1,200,000.00; 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 Resources Assistance Councils for the purpose of preserving open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors; and

WHEREAS, the applications for the twelfth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program are due on October 20, 2017 to the Cuyahoga County Natural Resources 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 twelfth-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 located within the Cuyahoga River Valley known as the “West Creek Critical Greenway Conservation 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 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 Ms. Brown, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Hairston, Simon, Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Conwell, Jones, Brown and Brady

Nays: None

County Council President Date

County Executive Date

Clerk of Council Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: September 26, 2017
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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