

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2019-0183

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon on behalf of Cuyahoga County Planning Commission</p> <p>Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Stephens</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 Euclid for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Euclid Waterfront – Weltman Estate and IRG Properties Acquisition in the City of Euclid; 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 Euclid for 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 Euclid for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Euclid Waterfront – Weltman Estate and IRG Properties Acquisition in the City of Euclid, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City of Euclid established a vision for public waterfront development including a ¾ mile all-purpose trail and shoreline stabilization project currently under construction with funding partially from the Cuyahoga County Casino Revenue Program. The next phase of construction is anticipated in summer 2020 pending these proposed acquisitions. The City has an opportunity to acquire a total of 25 parcels within the project area, whereas the majority of the parcels will be permanently conserved for trail development. The properties are controlled by the Estate of Dennis Weltman (4 parcels) and IRG (21 parcels), long-time proponents of the Euclid Waterfront Improvements Plan. The current owners are prepared to sell the parcels to Western Reserve Land Conservancy and the City of Euclid for the purposes of completing the lakefront trail and based on the fair market appraised value of the parcels.

WHEREAS, the City of Euclid has a long-term access and maintenance easement as well as a temporary construction easement over the properties; however, the City prefers ownership where it can ensure permanent conservation and preserve in perpetuity public access to our region’s greatest natural asset. In addition, if a public entity were to own the properties, there could be enhanced public access from the urban grid to the new waterfront trail as well as potential construction cost savings. These acquisitions follow a pattern where other City-owned parcels within the project area are conserved through grants from ODNR and we anticipate that more of our

lakefront will continue to be conserved as a public good through a partnership with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy.

WHEREAS, the project is known as “Euclid Waterfront – Weltman Estate and IRG Properties Acquisition” and is located in County Council District No. 11; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$1,000,000.00, of which \$650,000.00 is estimated for the Clean Ohio application; 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 fourteenth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program are due on October 11, 2019 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 for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of City of Euclid for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Euclid Waterfront – Weltman Estate and IRG Properties Acquisition in the City of Euclid and known as the “Euclid Waterfront – Weltman Estate and IRG Properties Acquisition 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: Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens, Simon, Baker, Miller and Brady

Nays: None

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County Council President	Date
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County Executive	Date
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Clerk of Council	Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: September 10, 2019
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Additional Sponsorship Requested: September 18, 2019

Committee Report/Second Reading: September 24, 2019

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