

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2020-0171

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| <p>Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon on behalf of Cuyahoga County Planning Commission</p> <p>Co-sponsored by: Councilmembers Jones, Stephens and Conwell</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 Natural Areas Land Conservancy for conservation of ecologically significant areas in Garden of Eleven Angels in the City of Cleveland, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p> |
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received a request from Natural Areas Land Conservancy 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 Natural Areas Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Garden of Eleven Angels in the City of Cleveland; pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and

WHEREAS, Natural Areas Land Conservancy seeks to acquire and encumbrance with Clean Ohio deed restrictions of 8 parcels with a total area of approximately 0.8 acres in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood of the City of Cleveland. Clean Ohio funding will also support improvement to the property including native planting and passive park elements that will transform these vacant residential parcels into a memorial garden to honor the memory of the eleven women brutally murdered at the site. The Garden of Eleven Angels project will bring much needed closure to the families of the victims while also providing the historically disinvested neighborhood with a clean, safe and aesthetically pleasing urban greenspace at which to gather, reflect, and enjoy nature. Natural Areas Land Conservancy will acquire the parcels through Clean Ohio funds and oversee the improvements, and will then transfer the completed park to Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. (a Community Development Corporation) for long term ownership and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the project is known as “Garden of Eleven Angels” and is located in County Council District No. 9; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$275,000.00, of which \$100,000.00 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 fifteenth-round funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program are due on October 30, 2020 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 Natural Areas Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Garden of Eleven Angels, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23 and known as “Garden of Eleven Angels” 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. Conwell, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens, Simon, Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher 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 15, 2020
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Additional Sponsorship Requested: September 23, 2020

Committee Report/Second Reading: September 29, 2020

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: October 13, 2020

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[Clerk's Note: Electronic signatures affixed in accordance with Cuyahoga County Code Chapter 110]