



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 17, 2019 MEETING

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2019-0182: 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 Brooklyn for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Stickney Creek Valley – Big Creek in the City of Brooklyn; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

- b) R2019-0183: 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.

- c) R2019-0184: 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 River Restoration for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Cuyahoga River Fish Habitat – Carter Road in the City of Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- d) R2019-0185: 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 Gates Mills Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Clark Forest Preserve in the Village of Gates Mills; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- e) R2019-0186: 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 Village of Orange for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Chagrin River and Tinker’s Creek Headwaters Wetland Protection in the Village of Orange; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- f) R2019-0187: 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 Ubuntu Cultivators for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Willey Avenue Land Acquisition and Restoration for Outdoor Classroom in the City of Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- g) R2019-0188: 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 the Village of Moreland Hills for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Chagrin Meadows Preserve in the Village of Moreland Hills; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- h) R2019-0189: 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 in Protect, Restore, Connect – West Creek in the City of Parma; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
2:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Councilmembers Simon and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was not determined. Committee members Brown, Stephens and Brady were absent from the meeting. Councilmembers Miller and Conwell were also in attendance.

[Clerk's Note: The Health, Human Services & Aging Committee meeting was held jointly with the Education, Environment and Sustainability Committee.]

In accordance with Rule 12F of the County Council Rules, Council Vice-President Jones appointed Councilmember Miller as a Member Pro Tem of the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee. A quorum was then determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 26, 2019 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2019 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2019-0153: A Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement among Cuyahoga County, Say Yes to Education Inc. and Cleveland Municipal School District to establish funding responsibilities for year one of the Say Yes Cleveland Strategy Program for the period 7/24/2019 - 7/23/2020; authorizing a Governance Agreement with various Say Yes to Education partners; accepting a payment in the amount not-to-exceed \$493,000.00 from Cleveland Municipal School District for said Program; authorizing a payment in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,415,000.00 to College Now Greater Cleveland, Inc. as fiscal agent of Say Yes to Education Inc.; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement and Governance Agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director of Health and Human Services; Ms. Diane Downing, Executive Director of Say Yes to Education Cleveland; and Mr. Eric Gordon, Chief Executive Officer of Cleveland Metropolitan School District; addressed the Committees regarding Resolution No. R2019-0153. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Parfejewiec, Ms. Downing and Mr. Gordon pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2019-0153 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

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2019-0182

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 City of Brooklyn for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Stickney Creek Valley – Big Creek in the City of Brooklyn; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received a request from City of Brooklyn 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 Brooklyn for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Stickney Creek Valley - Big Creek in the City of Brooklyn, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brooklyn seeks to acquire the longest stretch of Stickney Creek, the largest tributary to the Big Creek with a total in linear feet of 2500, all category 3 ravine stream. In total, the City of Brooklyn is applying to purchase the fee simple interest of approximately 10 acres of land located in the City of Brooklyn located on Memphis Avenue directly upstream from the Memphis picnic area of The Cleveland Metroparks. The parcel upstream from the proposed acquisition is the City of Brooklyn owned Veterans Memorial Park, on which West Creek Conservancy is restoring 2,000 linear feet of stream. The parcels are developed/improved, and a successful acquisition will enable the City of Brooklyn and its partners to restore each of the respective properties as well as work to develop the anticipated Big Creek Greenway Trail connecting residents throughout the city to these resources.

WHEREAS, the project is known as “Protecting the Stickney Creek Valley – Big Creek” and is located in County Council District No. 3; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$1,400,000.00, of which \$575,000.00 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 Brooklyn for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Stickney Creek Valley – Big Creek in the City of Brooklyn and known as the “Protecting the Stickney Creek Valley - Big Creek 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 _____, 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: September 10, 2019

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Journal _____
_____, 2019

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2019-0183

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 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.
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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

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2019-0184

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 Cuyahoga River Restoration for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Cuyahoga River Fish Habitat – Carter Road in the City of Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received a request from Cuyahoga River Restoration 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 Cuyahoga River Restoration for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Cuyahoga River Fish Habitat – Carter Road in the City of Cleveland, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga River Restoration seeks to provide shallow aquatic habitat along the dredged industrial navigation channel where fish would be protected from the turbulence of passing freighters and use the habitat for rest and reproduction. It would also provide a publicly accessible trail and greenspace alongside the habitat. The site stretches along most of the western edge of the Scranton Peninsula from just downstream of the Carter Road bridge to just above the Columbus Road bridge. It runs along the river adjacent to the proposed Thunderbird mixed-use development and future Great Lakes Brewing facility, so that the naturalization of the river’s edge and trail installation would provide not only much-needed habitat for fish and aquatic life, but also a living, accessible green strip along the industrial channel for people to enjoy. The current property owner is a partner in the project, recognizing the value of a greenspace and trail as amenities to the development. It is a valuable asset in restoring life to the ship channel and improving the health of the Cuyahoga River.

WHEREAS, the project is known as “Cuyahoga River Fish Habitat – Carter Road” and is located in County Council District No. 7; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$2,500,000.00, of which \$1,875,000.00 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 Cuyahoga River Restoration for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Cuyahoga River Fish Habitat – Carter Road in the City of Cleveland and known as the “Cuyahoga River Fish Habitat – Carter Road 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.

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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: September 10, 2019

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2019-0185

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon on behalf of Cuyahoga County Planning Commission</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 Gates Mills Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Clark Forest Preserve in the Village of Gates Mills; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received a request from Gates Mills 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 Gates Mills Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Clark Forest Preserve in the Village of Gates Mills, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and

WHEREAS, Gates Mills Land Conservancy seeks to preserve 73.7 acres of old growth forest, ravines, and high-quality streams on the Sherman Road which drain to the State Scenic Chagrin River. The project includes the 36.7 acre Clark property which became available from the Estate of owner Jane Clark. Other properties included are an adjacent 25 acre and a 12 acre parcel across Sherman Road that are owned by the Gates Mills Land Conservancy. Conservation easements would be placed on all three properties. Success on this endeavor would be the latest accomplishment towards preserving natural areas along Sherman Road, a scenic corridor in the Village. Gates Mills Land Conservancy will permanently preserve this natural area, protect habitat, and provide year-round access to a portion of the property by the public. The project also includes restoration efforts to address invasive species and preserve habitat quality; and

WHEREAS, the project is known as “Clark Forest Preserve” and is located in County Council District No. 6; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$2,042,000.00, of which \$400,000.00 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 Gates Mills Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Clark Forest Preserve in the Village of Gates Mills and known as the “Clark Forest Preserve Project”.

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

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Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

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Clerk of Council

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First Reading/Referred to Committee: September 10, 2019

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2019-0186

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 Village of Orange for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Chagrin River and Tinker’s Creek Headwaters Wetland Protection in the Village of Orange; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received a request from Orange Village 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 the Village of Orange for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Chagrin River and Tinker’s Creek Headwaters Wetland Protection in the Village of Orange, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Orange seeks to permanently protect approximately 56 acres of land along the drainage divide between the Chagrin River and Tinker’s Creek watersheds in the Village of Orange. This project will include five parcels (Permanent Parcel Numbers: 901-03-022, 901-03-023, 901-03-027, 901-03-032 and 901-05-002), which are located near the Interstate 271/Harvard Road interchange in the Village of Orange. This land includes numerous wetlands that eventually drain to Wiley Creek, a tributary to the Chagrin River and Hawthorne Creek, a tributary to Tinker’s Creek. Downstream Ohio EPA monitoring locations indicate that Wiley Creek is in partial attainment of its cold-water habitat aquatic life use designation and Hawthorne Creek is non-attainment of its warm-water habitat aquatic life use designation. The area surrounding the Interstate 271/Harvard Road interchange has experienced substantial commercial development, and undeveloped land in this area is in high demand, resulting in an immediate need to protect these sensitive wetland areas to provide habitat for native wetland plant, macroinvertebrate and bird species. In addition to protecting wildlife habitat in an expanding commercial zone in the Interstate 271 corridor, this project will also protect the natural stormwater management benefits of the wetlands and provide crucial greenspace access to residents of the Village of Orange and surrounding Cuyahoga County communities through future trail development. This project will also include invasive plant species management to enhance and protect the native wetland vegetative communities at the site.

WHEREAS, the project is known as “Chagrin River and Tinker’s Creek Headwaters Wetland Protection Project” and is located in County Council District No. 9; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$6,582,500.00, of which \$1,200,000.00 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 the Village of Orange for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Chagrin River and Tinker’s Creek Headwaters Wetland Protection in the Village of Orange and known as the “Chagrin River and Tinker’s Creek Headwaters Wetland Protection 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

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2019-0187

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon on behalf of Cuyahoga County Planning Commission</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 Ubuntu Cultivators for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Willey Avenue Land Acquisition and Restoration for Outdoor Classroom 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 Ubuntu Cultivators 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 Ubuntu Cultivators for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Willey Avenue Land Acquisition and Restoration for Outdoor Classroom in the City of Cleveland, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and

WHEREAS, Ubuntu Cultivators seeks to enhance and conserve a 0.84-acre tree canopied parcel in the Tremont and Clark-Fulton neighborhood. The site will also include a small walking path and a shelter. Location will be on Willey Avenue just about 100 yards from one of Northeast Ohio’s areas of concern regarding illegal dumping and 3 minutes from a local school located on Columbus Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the project is known as “Willey Avenue Land Acquisition and Restoration for Outdoor Classroom” and is located in County Council District No. 7; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$145,925.00, of which \$101,950.00 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,

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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 Ubuntu Cultivators for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Willey Avenue Land Acquisition and Restoration in the City of Cleveland and known as the “Willey Avenue Land Acquisition and Restoration”.

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:

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2019-0188

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon on behalf of Cuyahoga County Planning Commission</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 the Village of Moreland Hills for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Chagrin Meadows Preserve in the Village of Moreland Hills; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received a request from Village of Moreland Hills 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 the Village of Moreland Hills for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Chagrin Meadows Preserve in the Village of Moreland Hills, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Moreland Hills seeks to preserve a significant historic and scenic natural area and open space located in Moreland Hills, Ohio through fee simple acquisition and permanent protection of the 26.5-acre property via a conservation easement. Western Reserve Land Conservancy would propose to seek grant funding through the Clean Ohio District 1 NRAC in October of 2019 on behalf of the Village of Moreland Hills in order to acquire the property from the Village of Hunting Valley.

WHEREAS, the Village of Moreland Hills would own the property which would be protected in perpetuity with a conservation easement held by the Land Conservancy. The easement would restrict use of the property and would be monitored annually by the Land Conservancy stewardship staff. Our proposal is that the Village of Moreland Hills and the Land Conservancy would jointly manage and operate the property as a passive park. Improvements to the property could include a small parking area, loop trail, and wildflower meadow with educational and interpretive signage.

WHEREAS, the project is known as “Chagrin Meadows Preserve” and is located in County Council District No. 6; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$2,215,000.00, of which \$1,615,000.00 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 Village of Moreland Hills for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Chagrin Meadows Preserve in the Village of Moreland Hills and known as the “Chagrin Meadows Preserve 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 _____, 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: September 10, 2019

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2019-0189

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon on behalf of Cuyahoga County Planning Commission</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 West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Protect, Restore, Connect – West Creek in the City of Parma; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has received a request from West Creek 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 West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Protect, Restore, Connect – West Creek in the City of Parma, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and

WHEREAS, West Creek Conservancy (WCC) seeks to acquire the remaining 2 large parcels to complete the vision of the West Creek Greenway, as proposed at the inception of the organization in 1997. In total, WCC is applying to purchase the fee simple interest of approximately 25 acres of land located in the City of Parma, one near the southern terminus of Cleveland Metroparks Reservation and the other an imperative linkage on the west side of the park connecting to the previously acquired former Parmadale campus. The parcels are develop/improved, and a successful acquisition will enable the WCC and its partners to restore each of the respective properties as well as develop the anticipated Greenway Trail connecting thousands of residents to the park (and regional trail, of which a large segment is funded for 2022 construction); and

WHEREAS, the project is known as “Protect, Restore, Connect – West Creek” and is located in County Council District No. 4; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$2,900,000.00, of which \$1,500,000.00 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 West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Protect, Restore, Connect – West Creek in the City of Parma, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23 and known as the “Protect, Restore, Connect – West Creek 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 _____, 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: September 10, 2019

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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