



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2017-0168: A Resolution adopting the 2017 Cuyahoga County Sustainability Plan in accordance with Section 202.18 of the Cuyahoga County Code, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
 - b) R2017-0170: 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.
 - c) R2017-0171: 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 Brook Park for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Abram Creek City-wide

Greenway Trail – Phase I in the City of Brook Park, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

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3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairwoman Brown called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Brown asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Brown, Jones, and Schron were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Simon and Brady were absent from the meeting. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 31, 2017 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2017 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2017-0163: A Resolution authorizing amendments to contracts with various providers for various services in connection with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the period 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017 to extend the time period

to 6/30/2018 and for additional funds; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendments and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) No. CE1600240-01 with Mature Services, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$250,000.00 for mature job seeker services and implementation of the ENCORE Program.
- 2) No. CE1600241-01 with Towards Employment, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00 for job seeker services for applicants with felony backgrounds.
- 3) No. CE1600242-01 with United Labor Agency, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,620,368.00 for operation of the Workforce Service Center, job seekers and employer services, and management of the On-the-Job Training Program.

Ms. Jayanti Bhattacharya, Deputy Director of Workforce Development; and Mr. David Megenhardt, Executive Director of United Labor Agency, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2017-0163. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Bhattacharya and Mr. Megenhardt pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2017-0163 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.

- b) R2017-0166: A Resolution making awards on RQ38919 to various providers, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$9,565,377.00, for expansion of Universal Pre-Kindergarten in Cuyahoga County for the period 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2020; waiving the requirement in County Code Section 501.15(A)(2) with respect to Cleveland Municipal School District and Euclid City School District; authorizing the County Executive to execute the master contract and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Menorah Park Center for Senior Living Bet Moschav Zekenim Hadati
- 2) Advanced Solutions for Education, Inc. dba Horizon Child Development Center – Cleveland

- 3) HLC Euclid, LLC dba Horizon Learning Centers – Euclid
- 4) Horizon Education Centers – Market Square Horizon Education Center
- 5) Horizon Education Centers – Old Brooklyn
- 6) Robbie Lawrence-Willis – Little Achiever’s Learning Center
- 7) Murtis Taylor Human Services System – Glenville/KRT
- 8) Murtis Taylor Human Services System – Mt. Pleasant Child Enrichment Center
- 9) Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland
- 10) St. Peter’s Child Care Center Inc.
- 11) Catholic Charities Corporation – Early Childhood Center at Arbor Park
- 12) Catholic Charities Corporation – Early Learning Program St. Ignatius
- 13) Catholic Charities Corporation – Rainbow Terrace Head Start
- 14) The Centers for Families and Children
- 15) Kids and Such, Inc. dba Creative Kids
- 16) Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland – William Patrick Day Early Learning Center
- 17) Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland – Willard head Start Center
- 18) Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland – Puritas Head Start Center
- 19) Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland – Green Road Early Learning Center
- 20) Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland – George Forbes Early Learning Center
- 21) Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland – Carl B. Stokes Head Start Center
- 22) Bedford City School District
- 23) Berea City School District
- 24) Cleveland Heights – University Heights City School District – Noble Elementary School
- 25) Cleveland Heights – University Heights City School District – Gearity Elementary School
- 26) Cleveland Heights – University Heights City School District – Oxford Elementary School
- 27) Euclid City School District
- 28) Garfield Heights City Schools
- 29) Lakewood City Schools
- 30) Maple Heights City School District
- 31) Warrensville Heights City School District

- 32) Cleveland Municipal School District – Clark Elementary School
- 33) Cleveland Municipal School District – Garfield Elementary School
- 34) Cleveland Municipal School District – Sunbeam Elementary School
- 35) Cleveland Municipal School District – Willow Elementary School
- 36) Cleveland Municipal School District – William Cullen Bryant Elementary School

Mr. Robert Staib, Associate Director of the Office of Early Childhood, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2017-0166. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Staib pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

A motion was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2017-0166 by deleting “\$9,565,377.00” and inserting “\$9,565,386.00” throughout the Resolution.

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2017-0166 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, as amended.

Ms. Brown requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairwoman Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2017-0168

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Miller, Simon and Conwell	A Resolution adopting the 2017 Cuyahoga County Sustainability Plan in accordance with Section 202.18 of the Cuyahoga County Code, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Section 202.18 of the Cuyahoga County Code requires the Director of Sustainability to prepare and present to Council a proposed five-year Sustainability Plan for actions to be carried out by the County itself, and in partnership with other public and private agencies and organizations, for the purpose of achieving the objectives outlined in Subsection 202.18(A)(2); and,

WHEREAS, Section 202.18 further requires the Director of Sustainability to review and revise the Sustainability Plan as needed but not less than once every five years in accordance with the Cuyahoga County Code; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to efficiently begin implementation of the plan for sustainability throughout Cuyahoga County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The 2017 Cuyahoga County Sustainability Plan, including all changes thereto approved by Council, is hereby adopted in accordance with Section 202.18 of the Cuyahoga County Code. The final plan adopted herein includes such changes the Council and the County Executive have agreed upon prior to adoption.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County and the 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.



Department of Sustainability Proposed 5 year Strategic Plan

Dear Council President Brady, Sustainability Chair Simon and members of Council,

In April, 2016, County Council passed Ordinance # 2016-0008 requiring the creation of a 5-year Sustainability Strategic Plan. We in the Department of Sustainability and the Administration wholeheartedly supported this idea. especially as the Department was a relatively new entity in County government, had a fairly large and broad mandate, but with a small, yet passionate staff.

We know that in order to be successful, we need to leverage as many resources as possible, cooperate with as many agencies, businesses and members of the community as we can and generally organize ourselves in a way that collaborates with the great array of partners in Cuyahoga County who seek environmentally sustainable solutions to climate change, clean energy development, water quality safety, transportation alternatives and overall more green environs.

In our first 2.5 years of existence we think have worked in that manner, but also believe that the process of developing this plan has been helpful in honing the work we should be engaged in for the next phase of our Department's life.

I am available for any individual meetings or calls regarding this proposal and of course for hearings you may have regarding the project.

Thanks for your time, consideration and insights,

Sincerely,

Mike Foley

September 1, 2017

Department Strategy 1: Work collaboratively with our partners to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the geographic confines of Cuyahoga County

Initiatives:

- 1:** Join with other cities and organizations to formulate a comprehensive Cuyahoga County Climate Change Action Plan that deals with both mitigation and adaptation by August 2018.
- 2:** Join with other cities and organizations by declaring an adherence to the Paris Climate Accords by September 1, 2017.
- 3:** Determine a measurement and reporting protocol by January of 2018.
- 4:** Measure all greenhouse gas emissions in Cuyahoga County by the spring of 2018 and set realistic greenhouse gas reduction goals and strategies by July 2018.
- 5:** Devise a dashboard that details comparative greenhouse gas emissions (by sector and geographically) by September of 2018.

County Goals/Priorities Supported:

- 1.3 Deploy sustainability practices to support our competitive advantage
- 10.3 Strengthen and expand relationships with new and existing community partners
- 11.2 Work with partners to align, scale and sustain efforts to achieve systems-level solutions

Performance Measures

GHG emission levels

Department Strategy 2: Increase resources for clean energy and environmentally sustainable programs, projects, and practices in Cuyahoga County

Initiatives:

- 1:** Devise a variety of streams of funding for programs, projects, and practices
 - a. Convene a stakeholders group with the goal of establishing an ongoing Sustainability fund with adequate resources similar to the **Arts and Culture Fund** which has a consistent source of revenue and governance.
 - b. Help create a **Clean Energy Pre-Development Fund** for business/local government/institutional/residential sectors to affordably help analyze, measure and communicate renewable and energy efficiency measures.
 - c. Rethink/re-develop a **clean energy loan and/or grant program** for business/local government/institutional/residential use.

- 2:** Utilize devised funding streams to support a variety of programs, projects, and services that address at least one of the following three anticipated outcomes:
 - a. Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions within Cuyahoga County
 - b. Reduction in cost of clean energy
 - c. Increased business and workforce opportunities in sustainability-related industries (e.g. solar, wind, energy efficiency)

County Goals/Priorities Supported:

- 1.3 Deploy sustainability practices to support our competitive advantage
- 10.3 Strengthen and expand relationships with new and existing community partners
- 11.2 Work with partners to align, scale and sustain efforts to achieve systems-level solutions

Performance Measures

Amount of funding available (\$)

of projects proposed

of projects funded

of projects in process of being completed (What does this mean?)

of projects completed

Department Strategy 3: Increase access to alternative methods of transportation for residents and visitors to Cuyahoga County to enhance air quality and the environmental health of the community

Initiatives:

- 1:** Work with NOACA, RTA, Clevelanders for Public Transportation and others to help create a bigger vision for transportation alternatives and help municipalities develop more projects to transform the transportation system.
- 2:** Encourage bike and pedestrian infrastructure on County-funded projects (e.g. bike lanes, signal systems, timing).
- 3:** Encourage bike and pedestrian infrastructure in private developments where new construction or renovation occurs.
- 4:** Apply for and leverage grant funding and existing county resources to increase the accessibility to and utilization of bike share in low-income areas.
- 5:** Encourage the development of electric vehicle infrastructure throughout the county

County Goals/Priorities Supported:

- 1.3 Deploy sustainability practices to support our competitive advantage
- 10.3 Strengthen and expand relationships with new and existing community partners
- 11.2 Work with partners to align, scale and sustain efforts to achieve systems-level solutions

Performance Measures

- Miles of pedestrian trails and bike lanes
- Bike share utilization (riders and # of miles traveled, CO₂ reduced)
- Reduction in GHG emissions resulting from bike share riding
- EV infrastructure – amount of charging stations
- E.V.'s – amount of vehicles licensed in the county

Department Strategy 4: Increase community awareness, knowledge, and advocacy regarding environmental issues, policies, and initiatives

Initiatives:

- 1:** Develop an effective and measurable educational campaign to inform citizens and the community about climate change and sustainability issues for residents of Cuyahoga County.
- 2:** Continue to coordinate local clean energy brown bags for Cuyahoga County environmental and sustainability leaders.
- 3:** Help organize policy advocacy across the County for environmental and sustainability leaders in order to positively affect state and national changes.
- 4:** Measure and track equity and inclusion for sustainability initiatives for Cuyahoga County residents.
- 5:** Convene a regional consortium of county sustainability leaders to increase best practice information sharing and opportunities for collaboration.
- 6:** Create and continuously enhance a best management practices information repository for use by all of our partners

County Goals/Priorities Supported:

- 1.3 Deploy sustainability practices to support our competitive advantage
- 10.3 Strengthen and expand relationships with new and existing community partners
- 11.2 Work with partners to align, scale and sustain efforts to achieve systems-level solutions
- 11.5 Speak out on issues, policies and decisions at the state and federal level

Performance Measures

Measure of outreach-Number of participants in outreach events (if discernible)

Utilization of BMP repository (site hits, etc.)

Process metric (for first several years): What you are doing (# of events held, # of attendees)

Department Strategy 5: Convene and collaborate with partners to advocate for improvements to water quality for Cuyahoga County residents and visitors

Initiatives:

- 1:** Assist in discerning and describing our region’s fresh water advantage. Understand its ecological and economic value to the County and work with others including NEOPIPE, Cleveland Water Alliance, CRWP, Port of Cleveland, and others in appropriate promotion and protection.
- 2:** Assist the Port of Cleveland, Ohio EPA and others in developing strategies for the beneficial re-use of dredged materials from the Cuyahoga River in order to reduce the need for Combined Disposal Facilities and keep materials out of Lake Erie.
- 3:** Work with and assist NEORSD in overall water quality work and in the development of a larger green infrastructure program for the County.
 - a.** Support/encourage cities to use NEORSD Member Community Infrastructure Program funds to support green infrastructure
- 4:** Work with County Planning to devise an environmentally sustainable land use strategy

County Goals/Priorities Supported:

- 1.3 Deploy sustainability practices to support our competitive advantage
- 10.3 Strengthen and expand relationships with new and existing community partners
- 11.2 Work with partners to align, scale and sustain efforts to achieve systems-level solutions

Performance Measures

- Measure of improvements in water quality
- Reduction in watershed Beneficial Use Impairments
- # of Projects using NEORSD storm water infrastructure funding

Department Strategy 6: Demonstrate the county’s leadership in environmental stewardship by increasing the utilization of sustainable, green practices throughout the organization

Initiatives:

- 1:** Have the county install renewable energy systems and storage in as many of its facilities as feasible and reduce usage in its buildings through energy efficiency measures
- 2:** Create and spearhead an internal council to drive intra-organizational sustainability efforts
- 3:** Develop a protocol/policy for procurement practices which incorporates environmental sustainability as a metric for determining County vendors.
- 4:** Work with our County departments and resources to develop green storm water infrastructure policies for Cuyahoga County related projects to lessen storm water runoff and gain benefits from greater amounts of green infrastructure.
- 5:** Work with Cuyahoga County Public Works to create a sustainable vehicle replacement plan that includes both hybrid and electric vehicles
- 6:** Determine and assist in implementing additional pre-tax incentives to encourage utilization of alternative transportation

County Goals/Priorities Supported:

- 1.3 Deploy sustainability practices to support our competitive advantage
- 10.3 Strengthen and expand relationships with new and existing community partners
- 11.1 Align and enhance internal resources to build a strong foundation for operational and strategic success
- 11.2 Work with partners to align, scale and sustain efforts to achieve systems-level solutions

Performance Measures

- % reduction in electricity usage for county buildings
- % of vehicle fleet replaced with hybrid and electric vehicles
- % of departments implementing internal sustainability policies

Department Strategy 7: Enhance land use practices to spur greater clean energy development, reduce local greenhouse gas emissions and, ultimately, positively impact local air quality positively

Initiatives:

- 1:** Support development of the ten most suitable landfill sites for large scale solar farms in Cuyahoga County
- 2:** In collaboration with municipalities and partner organizations, devise a comprehensive tree canopy enhancement plan for the county at large
- 3:** Encourage the use of integrative planning strategies wherever possible
- 4:** Continue to partner with CSU, CWRU, the City of Cleveland and others on a local MicroGrid project for Cuyahoga County.
- 5:** Work with groups like the Metroparks, the Trust for Public Land, the Cuyahoga Greenways Partnership and others on increasing the amount of trails and usable greenspace in the County for hiking, biking and recreational uses.

County Goals/Priorities Supported:

- 1.3 Deploy sustainability practices to support our competitive advantage
- 10.3 Strengthen and expand relationships with new and existing community partners
- 11.2 Work with partners to align, scale and sustain efforts to achieve systems-level solutions

Potential Metrics

- Estimated CO2 sequestration attributable to enhanced tree canopy
- % tree canopy in Cuyahoga County
- # of new trees added
- # of landfill solar sites developed
- # of trails in the County

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 _____, 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 26, 2017

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2017-0171

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon on behalf of Cuyahoga County Planning Commission</p> <p>Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Miller</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 Brook Park for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Abram Creek City-wide Greenway Trail – Phase I in the City of Brook Park, 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 Brook Park 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 in Abram Creek City-wide Greenway Trail – Phase I, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brook Park project includes the Abram Creek City-wide Greenway Trail – Phase I plan that aligns an off-road trail to connect the City of Brook Park to the Lake to Lake Trail in Middleburg Heights, to the Metro Parks Rocky River Reservation and to the Big Creek Greenway in Parma; Phase I of the project aligns Brook Park at Sheldon and Engle to the Rocky River Reservation by following the Abram Creek water course through Brook Park and behind the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, which will connect directly to the Lake to Lake Trail with a first class pedestrian and bicycle friendly trail way; and

WHEREAS, the project is known as “Abram Creek City-wide Greenway Trail – Phase I” and is located in County Council District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost for Phase I is \$7,462,113.00; 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 City of Brook Park 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 in the City of Brook Park known as “Abram Creek City-wide Greenway Trail – Phase I 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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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 26, 2017
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: September 26, 2017

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