

RESOLUTION NO. R-30-22

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF A 2022 CLEAN OHIO GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE, SENSITIVE ECOLOGICAL AREAS AND STREAM CORRIDORS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) provides financial assistance to political subdivisions to fund preservation of open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avon is responsible for promoting the health, safety and welfare of its residents and one of the ways that it meets that responsibility is by providing and maintaining a system of superior parks and open spaces that maximizes the community's quality of life through conservation, education and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Council authorized the submission of an application for grant funding through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program in Resolution R-25-21, which passed on September 13, 2021, to help fund the purchase of the Traxler property; and

WHEREAS, the City remains under contract to purchase the Traxler property through September 1st, 2023 (Ord. 71-21. Passed 9/15/21); and

WHEREAS, funding through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program will allow the City of Avon to acquire land and/or make improvements for the purposes of preserving natural green space and passive use public recreation; and

WHEREAS, Council continues to find that the acquisition of lands owned by the Traxler Family Limited Partnership on Centennial Avenue will significantly further the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Avon and the community by preserving a natural section of the French Creek riparian corridor in perpetuity while enhancing the passive use public recreation opportunities for its citizens and as such, fully supports the submission of the 2022 Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program funding application administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, COUNTY OF LORAIN AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1 - That the City of Avon Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an application seeking grant funding from the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for the purpose of acquiring certain real property in the City of Avon, Lorain County Ohio, and/or enhancing said real property. (See, Ord. 71-21. Passed 9/15/21).

Section 2 - That the City of Avon Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into contract with OPWC on behalf of the City of Avon should the requested grant funds be awarded.

Section 3 - That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of the City of Avon concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council of the City of Avon and that all deliberations of this City's Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4 - That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity to support an application for OPWC Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program funds for the year 2022, prior to its predetermined deadlines; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

By: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council

Posted: _____
In Five Places, as
Provided by Council

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