

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-070

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5 DATE February 10, 2014

COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution supporting the Tinkers Creek Greenway Expansion Project in Twinsburg**  
8 **Township, located in Council District 1, by Metro Parks Serving Summit County, for the**  
9 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the wishes of residents to preserve open space and  
12 create opportunities for passive outdoor recreation; and

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14 WHEREAS, Metro Parks Serving Summit County, in conjunction with the Western  
15 Reserve Land Conservancy desire to acquire land in Twinsburg Township, Council District 1 for  
16 the Tinkers Creek Greenway Expansion Project ("Project"); and

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18 WHEREAS, the land proposed for acquisition contains a segment of Tinkers Creek, an  
19 important tributary to the Cuyahoga River; and

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21 WHEREAS, the proposed acquisition will help protect Summit County's green  
22 infrastructure by preserving wetland and the riparian areas and floodplains surrounding Tinkers  
23 Creek; and

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25 WHEREAS, the land proposed for acquisition is located adjacent to existing permanently  
26 protected land and will expand the size of the existing greenway that surrounds Tinkers Creek  
27 and encompasses almost 3,000 acres owned by the State of Ohio, Metro Parks Serving Summit  
28 County, the City of Twinsburg and Western Reserve Land Conservancy; and

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30 WHEREAS, the proposed acquisition will provide additional public access points along  
31 Ravenna Road and create new opportunities for public hiking, birding and other outdoor  
32 activities; and

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34 WHEREAS, the proposed acquisition will help implement recommendations from the  
35 Tinkers Creek Watershed Action Plan; and

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37 WHEREAS, the Project will help Summit County implement a strategic policy  
38 recommended in the 2006 Summit County General Plan ("Plan") to link new park facilities to  
39 existing parks, and will help the County realize its larger goals of preserving green infrastructure  
40 and protecting the natural environment by minimizing the conflict between existing natural  
41 conditions and future patterns of urban development; and

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43 WHEREAS, the Tinkers Creek Greenway/Trail is recognized as one of three "Super  
44 Priority Areas" targeted for preservation efforts in the Plan; and

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46 WHEREAS, this Council has determined by reviewing all pertinent information that it is  
47 necessary and in the best interest of the County for this Council to express the County's support  
48 for the Project;

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50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State  
51 of Ohio, that:

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4 SECTION 1

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6 This Council hereby expresses its support of the Tinkers Creek Greenway Expansion  
7 Project in Twinsburg Township, located in Council District 1, by Metro Parks Serving Summit  
8 County.

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10 SECTION 2

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12 This Resolution is declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
13 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately  
14 express support for the Tinkers Creek Greenway Expansion Project in order to allow Metro  
15 Parks Serving Summit County and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy timely funding for  
16 the Project.

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18 SECTION 3

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20 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take  
21 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take  
22 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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24 SECTION 4

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26 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
27 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
28 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
29 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
30 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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32 INTRODUCED January 27, 2014

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48 Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Komunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras,  
Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro