

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-283

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3 SPONSORS Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Walters and Ms. Shapiro,
4 Ms. McKenney and Council of the Whole

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6 DATE August 19, 2019 COMMITTEE Public Works

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8 **A Resolution establishing the County of Summit Stormwater Management Committee,**
9 **declaring its purpose, and describing its members, for the Council and the Executive, and**
10 **declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Summit County are the
13 responsibility of County government; and

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15 WHEREAS, stormwater runoff is a countywide problem for the communities of Summit
16 County; and

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18 WHEREAS, currently, the management of stormwater is addressed at the local level by
19 Summit County cities, villages, and townships, as well as the Muskingum Watershed
20 Conservancy District and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District; and

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22 WHEREAS, to ensure and improve the ongoing health, safety, and welfare of the
23 residents of Summit County, it is necessary to find methods to manage stormwater on a
24 countywide basis; and

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26 WHEREAS, the County is committed to taking the actions necessary to manage
27 stormwater on a countywide basis; and

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29 WHEREAS, this Council and the County Executive agree that a County stormwater
30 management committee should be created to study and recommend methods of managing
31 stormwater at a County level; and

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33 WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth above, this Council finds and determines, after
34 reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to
35 create a Stormwater Management Committee with representatives from the County, County
36 communities and experts in stormwater management to pursue the actions set forth below;

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

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41 SECTION 1

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43 This Council hereby establishes the County of Summit Stormwater Management
44 Committee.

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46 SECTION 2

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48 The purpose of the County of Summit Stormwater Committee shall be as follows:

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50 Powers.

- 51 (1) To review the County's existing programs and practices for stormwater
52 management, including those programs and practices of the several cities,

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4 SECTION 2 (Cont.)

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6 villages, and townships within the County, as well as the Muskingum
7 Watershed Conservancy District and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer
8 District;

9 (2) To review the models and best practices of other Ohio counties and
10 municipalities for stormwater management;

11 (3) To review legal and administrative issues concerning stormwater
12 management by the County;

13 (4) To hire a consultant, subject to the approval of the Board of Control and
14 County Council, to advise the Committee and to assist it in the preparation
15 of a report;

16 (5) To prepare a report for review by County Council by the end of calendar
17 year 2020 that advises the best methods to create a County stormwater
18 management program designed to drain 300 acres or more, and that
19 includes the following elements:

20 (a) Member communities, which, at a minimum, shall include the
21 communities subject to the jurisdiction for stormwater purposes of
22 the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, and at a maximum, all
23 of the communities in Summit County;

24 (b) A proposed stormwater management code that includes essential
25 elements of a regional stormwater plan;

26 (c) A proposed permanent, adequate, and dedicated funding stream,
27 sufficient to support a qualified staff to carry out the program and a
28 capital improvement and maintenance program with acceptable
29 turnaround times on projects;

30 (d) A proposed stormwater master plan for all watersheds in the
31 County, or, in the alternative a proposal to develop a stormwater
32 master plan that would include:

33 i. Uniform standards to identify and define the stormwater
34 management system of each community under the
35 jurisdiction of the County;

36 ii. Performance of condition assessments in each community
37 under the jurisdiction of the County;

38 iii. Development of hydraulic models to identify and prioritize
39 maintenance and construction projects;

40 (e) Proposed guidance on construction projects for stormwater
41 maintenance; said construction projects being;

42 i. Projects that address current flooding, erosion, and water
43 quality problems and minimize new problems;

44 ii. Projects that focus on solving problems as close to their
45 source as possible without negatively affecting downstream
46 communities;

47 (f) Proposed inspection and maintenance activities along the
48 stormwater systems within the jurisdiction of the County, which

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5 are selected based upon established processes for community input
6 and are responsive to community and resident concern;

- 7 (g) Proposed policies and practices that support and facilitate
8 regional/watershed based coordination, NPDES Phase II
9 compliance and public education and outreach efforts;
10 (h) Proposed policies and practices to collaborate with the Northeast
11 Ohio Regional Sewer District and the Muskingum Watershed
12 Conservancy District on maintenance and construction projects;

- 13 (6) Any other powers granted by County Council.

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15 SECTION 3

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17 The membership of the County of Summit Stormwater Management Committee shall
18 consist of the following members, which shall be appointed by the County Executive and
19 confirmed by this Council:

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21 Membership.

- 22 (1) A member of County Council, or their designee;
23 (2) The County Engineer, or their designee;
24 (3) The County Executive, or their designee;
25 (4) A representative of a township within Summit County;
26 (5) A representative of a municipality within Summit County; and
27 (6) Two representatives with extensive knowledge of stormwater
28 management.

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30 SECTION 4

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32 Following the appointment and confirmation of its members, the task Force will
33 deliberate for a period ending December 31, 2020, and shall make a full written report to County
34 Council and the County Executive setting forth its recommendations no later than December 31,
35 2020.

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37 SECTION 5

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39 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
40 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further purpose to provide a
41 stormwater management committee to recommend the best methods for stormwater management
42 on a countywide basis in Summit County.

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44 SECTION 6

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46 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
47 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
48 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by the law
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4 SECTION 7

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6 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
7 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
8 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
9 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
10 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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14 INTRODUCED August 5, 2019

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16 ADOPTED August 19, 2019

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19 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED August 21, 2019

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 21, 2019

Voice Vote 11-0 - YES: Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Hamilton, Koehler, McKenney, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite