

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-071

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3 SPONSORS Executive Shapiro, Mr. Wilhite, Mrs. Sims, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Dickinson,  
4 Mrs. Darrow, Ms. Walters, Mr. Feeman, Mr. Donofrio

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6 DATE March 29, 2021 COMMITTEE Planning

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8 **A Resolution declaring the County of Summit's approval and support for the West Creek**  
9 **Conservancy's Clean Ohio Greenspace Round 15 Grant Application for the Merriman**  
10 **Valley, in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, to be submitted by the West Creek**  
11 **Conservancy for funding under the Clean Ohio Program, for the Executive, and declaring**  
12 **an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, the West Creek Conservancy intends to submit a grant application for the  
15 conservation and preservation of the Merriman Valley, in the City of Akron, in Council District  
16 4, to the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding through the Clean Ohio Program; and

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18 WHEREAS, West Creek Conservancy is pursuing a plan to conserve and protect the  
19 Merriman Valley in a thoughtful, conscientious and measured manner; and

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21 WHEREAS, the West Creek Conservancy's plan includes grant applications to the Clean  
22 Ohio Program with the Ohio Public Works Commission; and

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24 WHEREAS, the City of Akron and City of Cuyahoga Falls also support funding and  
25 application of West Creek Conservancy's conservation and preservation of the Merriman Valley;  
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28 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to collaborate with West Creek  
29 Conservancy and the Cities of Akron and Cuyahoga Falls in furtherance of conservation and  
30 preservation of the Merriman Valley; and

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32 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
33 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare its approval and  
34 support for the West Creek Conservancy's Clean Ohio Greenspace Round 15 Grant Application  
35 to be submitted for funding through the Clean Ohio Program.

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

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40 SECTION 1

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42 This Council hereby approves and supports the West Creek Conservancy's Greenspace  
43 Round 15 Grant application for the Merriman Valley, in the City of Akron, in Council District 4,  
44 to the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding, through the Clean Ohio Program, in order to  
45 permanently conserve and preserve the Merriman Valley.

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47 SECTION 2

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49 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and  
50 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately  
51 provide a necessary prerequisite for the West Creek Conservancy to timely submit its grant  
52 application to the Ohio Public Works Commission.  
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4 SECTION 3

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

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10 SECTION 4

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12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
13 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
14 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
15 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
16 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

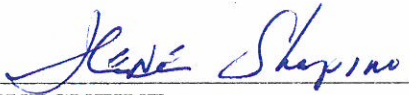
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19 INTRODUCED March 15, 2021

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25 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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27 APPROVED March 30, 2021

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31 EXECUTIVE

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33 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 30, 2021

Voice Vote - YES: 10-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio,  
McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite  
ABSENT: Feeman