

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-078

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3 SPONSORS Executive Shapiro, Mrs. Sims, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Wilhite, Mrs. Rodgers,  
4 Mr. DeVitis, 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 Natural**  
9 **Areas Land Conservancy's Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program Application for**  
10 **the O'Brien Preserve Project, in the City of Hudson, in Council District 3, to be submitted**  
11 **by the Natural Areas Land Conservancy for funding under the Clean Ohio Program, for**  
12 **the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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14 **WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Public Works Commission, administers  
15 financial assistance for conservation purposes through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation  
16 Program; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, Natural Areas Land Conservancy, a fully owned subsidiary of Western  
19 Reserve Land Conservancy, desires financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Green Space  
20 Conservation Program to acquire and protect (with a conservation easement held by Western  
21 Reserve Land Conservancy) the approximately 55-acre O'Brien Preserve property, located in the  
22 City of Hudson; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23 mandates that an application of a grant  
25 for open space acquisition requires a resolution supporting the project from the County; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the O'Brien Preserve property is comprised of natural areas, including  
28 marsh wetlands, stream tributary to Mud Brook, and maple hardwood forest, providing habitat  
29 for native Ohio species including over 130 species of birds; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, upon acquisition, the O'Brien Preserve property will be open to the public  
32 as a preserve for passive recreation opportunities, such as walking, nature study, and wildlife  
33 watching; and

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

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38 SECTION 1

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40 This Council hereby approves and supports Natural Areas Land Conservancy's Round 15  
41 Grant application for the O'Brien Preserve Project, in the City of Hudson, in Council District 3,  
42 to the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding, through the Clean Ohio Program, in order to  
43 permanently conserve and preserve the O'Brien Preserve property.

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45 SECTION 2

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47 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and  
48 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately  
49 provide a necessary prerequisite for the Natural Areas Land Conservancy to timely submit its  
50 grant application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the O'Brien Preserve Project.

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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.

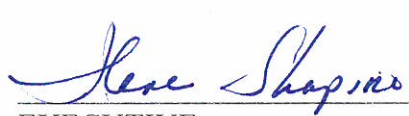
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19 INTRODUCED March 15, 2021

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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