

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-263

First Reading Passage Requested

2

3 SPONSORS Executive Shapiro

4

5 DATE August 28, 2023

COMMITTEE Planning

6

7 **A Resolution declaring the County of Summit’s approval and support for Springfield**
8 **Township’s Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grant Application for the Springfield Lake**
9 **Protection Project, located in Springfield Township, in Council District 8, to be submitted**
10 **by Springfield Township for funding under the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation**
11 **Program, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

12

13 WHEREAS, Springfield Township intends to submit a grant application for the
14 conservation and preservation for the Springfield Lake Protection Project (the “Project”) for
15 funding through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for the purchase of
16 approximately 18 acres of property owned by Barton Land Holdings LLC near the intersection of
17 Massillon Road and U.S. 224 in the City of Akron, as well as the purchase of approximately 15
18 acres of land owned by the Ohio Valley Conservation Coalition on the north side of U.S. 224
19 across from Springfield Lake; and

20

21 WHEREAS, this property contains abundant stream and wetland resources that drain into
22 Springfield Lake, which Springfield Township is seeking to protect and improve; and

23

24 WHEREAS, the Project would facilitate acquisition of property to protect springs and
25 wetlands, all of which provide habitat for various native Ohio species; and

26

27 WHEREAS, Springfield Township is pursuing a plan to conserve and protect the Project
28 in a thoughtful, conscientious and measured manner; and

29

30 WHEREAS, Springfield Township supports the application for the Clean Ohio Grant
31 which was approved by their Board of Trustees pursuant to Resolution No. 186-23; and

32

33 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Summit to collaborate with
34 Springfield Township in furtherance of conservation and preservation of the Project’s property
35 and wetlands; and

36

37 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
38 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare its approval and
39 support for Springfield Township’s Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grant Program Grant
40 Application to be submitted for funding through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation
41 Program.

42

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

45

46 SECTION 1

47

48 This Council hereby approves and supports Springfield Township’s Clean Ohio
49 Conservation Fund Grant Program Grant Application, located in Springfield Township, in
50 Council District 8, to be submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission and the District 8
51 Natural Resources Assistance Council for funding through the Clean Ohio Green Space

52

53

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-263

2 PAGE 2

3

4 SECTION 1 (Continued)

5

6 Conservation Program, in order to conserve and preserve the Springfield Lake Protection
7 Project's property and wetlands.

8

9 SECTION 2

10

11 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
12 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately
13 provide a necessary prerequisite for Springfield Township to timely submit its grant application
14 for grant funding.

15

16 SECTION 3

17

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

21

22 SECTION 4

23

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

29

30

31 INTRODUCED August 28, 2023

32

33 ADOPTED August 28, 2023

34

35 DocuSigned by:

F8D2DB132BE041B...

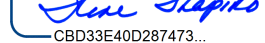
36

37 CLERK OF COUNCIL

38

39 APPROVED August 28, 2023

40

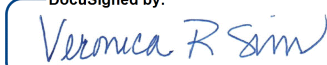
41 DocuSigned by:

CBD33E40D287473...

42

43 EXECUTIVE

44

45 ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 29, 2023

DocuSigned by:

C66A046FE4BA42A...

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Voice Vote – YES: 11– 0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers,
Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite