

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-240

First Reading Passage Requested

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(B. Harnak)

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SPONSORS Executive Shapiro, Ms. Darrow, Council as a Whole

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DATE August 19, 2024

COMMITTEE Public Works

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A Resolution declaring the County of Summit's approval and support for the Natural Areas Land Conservancy's Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program Grant Application to purchase and permanently protect the Brandywine Marsh Preserve Property, located in the City of Macedonia and Northfield Center Township, in Council District 1, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

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WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Public Works Commission, administers financial assistance for the acquisition and related development of open spaces through the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund; and

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WHEREAS, Natural Areas Land Conservancy (the "Conservancy") is seeking financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Program to purchase and protect in perpetuity the approximately 115.7-acre Brandywine Marsh Preserve property, located in the City of Macedonia and Northfield Center Township, in Council District 1; and

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WHEREAS, preservation of the Brandywine Marsh Preserve property protects significant parcels that impact Brandywine Creek; and

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WHEREAS, fee-simple acquisition and permanent protection of the Brandywine Marsh Preserve property will protect significant water resources and benefit water quality of the region; and

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WHEREAS, the acquisition that will be funded with Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program grant funds will protect and manage the property and its natural resources in perpetuity; and

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WHEREAS, the County of Summit's approval and support is predicated on the City of Macedonia and Northfield Center Township's support of the Natural Areas Land Conservancy's Clean Ohio Grant Application; and

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WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Summit to collaborate with the Natural Areas Land Conservancy in furtherance of conservation and preservation of the County's natural resources; and

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WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare its approval and support for the Natural Areas Land Conservancy's Clean Ohio Grant Application to be submitted for funding through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program;

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

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SECTION 1

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This Council hereby approves and supports the Natural Areas Land Conservancy's Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program Grant Application to purchase and permanently

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4 SECTION 1 (Continued)

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6 protect the Brandywine Marsh Preserve Property, located in the City of Macedonia and
7 Northfield Center Township, in Council District 1.

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9 SECTION 2

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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 the Natural Areas Land Conservancy to timely submit its
14 grant application for grant funding.

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16 SECTION 3

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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.

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22 SECTION 4

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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.

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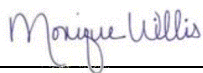
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41 APPROVED August 19, 2024

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Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers,
Schmidt, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite
Absent: Walters

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48 ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 20, 2024