

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-249

**First Reading Passage Requested**

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**(A. Barry)**

3 SPONSORS Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE September 9, 2024

COMMITTEE Public Works

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7 **A Resolution declaring the County of Summit’s approval and support for the Cleveland**  
8 **Museum of Natural History’s Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program Grant**  
9 **Application to purchase and permanently protect approximately 17.6 acres of land which**  
10 **will become a part of the Museum’s adjacent Singer Lake Bog Preserve, located in the City**  
11 **of Green, in Council District 8, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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

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17 WHEREAS, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History (the “Museum”) is seeking  
18 financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Program to purchase and protect in perpetuity the  
19 approximately 17.6-acre property located adjacent to the Museum’s Singer Lake Bog Preserve,  
20 located in the City of Green, in Council District 8; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Singer Lake Bog Expansion Project (the “Project”) will result in the fee-  
23 simple purchase and permanent conservation of approximately 17.6 acres of land which will  
24 become a part of the Museum’s adjacent Singer Lake Bog Preserve; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Project will protect wetland habitat and critical upland buffer habitat  
27 surrounding Singer Lake including habitat for State-listed rare species of plants and animals; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Museum intends to issue permits to interested members of the public to  
30 utilize the properties for research, nature study, field trips, hiking, hunting, and passive recreation  
31 and the Museum will offer educational field trips at the Preserve for the general public and  
32 Museum members; and

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34 WHEREAS, the protection of high-quality natural sites and noteworthy natural features  
35 within the City of Green and within Summit County will help to promote ecotourism within the  
36 County; and

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38 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2006-166, approving the  
39 Summit County General Land Use Development Plan (the “Plan) in order to address the issues  
40 of preservation of open space and natural resources in the Count of Summit; and

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42 WHEREAS, the Project advances the goals of the Plan as Singer Lake is identified in the  
43 Plan as an “important ecological area” and the Plan states that “Any undeveloped land around  
44 this area is a good candidate for conservation”; and

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

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50 WHEREAS, the County of Summit’s approval and support is predicated on the City of  
51 Green’s anticipated support of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History’s Clean Ohio Grant  
52 Application; and

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4 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Summit to collaborate with the  
5 Cleveland Museum of Natural History in furtherance of conservation and preservation of the  
6 County's natural resources; and

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

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

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16 SECTION 1

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18 This Council hereby approves and supports the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's  
19 Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program Grant Application to purchase and permanently  
20 protect the approximately 17.6 acres of land which will become a part of the Museum's adjacent  
21 Singer Lake Bog Preserve, located in the City of Green, in Council District 8.

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23 SECTION 2

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25 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and  
26 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately  
27 provide a necessary prerequisite for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History to timely submit  
28 its grant application for grant funding.

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30 SECTION 3

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

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36 SECTION 4

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38 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
39 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
40 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
41 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
42 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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11 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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