RESOLUTION NO. 2014-523

SPONSOR Mr. Pry, Mr. Kostandaras, Ms. Shapiro and Council of the Whole

DATE November 24, 2014

COMMITTEE Planning

A Resolution in support of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and Richfield Joint Recreation District’s application for Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program (“Clean Ohio”) funding for the purchase and protection of Summit Headwaters Divide, the former location of Camp Crowell/Camp Hilaka, located in Council District 1, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and the Richfield Joint Recreation District are seeking financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program (“Clean Ohio”) for the purchase and protection of Summit Headwaters Divide, the former location of Camp Crowell/Camp Hilaka, located in the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township, Council District 1; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Clean Ohio is to preserve and protect property of ecological, historical and cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this property will help to fulfill Clean Ohio’s objectives of the preservation of open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors; and

WHEREAS, preservation of the property will protect natural resources including a habitat for diverse plant and animal species while safeguarding ground water supplies and water quality within the east branch of the Rocky River watershed; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this property with Clean Ohio funds will ensure that it is preserved in perpetuity and protected for the passive recreational enjoyment of residents of Summit County and beyond for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the application for Clean Ohio funds requires a resolution in support of the project from the County in which the property is located.

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

SECTION 1

The County Executive and County Council hereby express support for the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and Richfield Joint Recreation District’s application for Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program funding for the purchase and protection of Summit Headwaters Divide, the former location of Camp Crowell/Camp Hilaka, located in the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township, Council District 1.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further reason that it is necessary to immediately express support before the December 5, 2014 deadline for applications.
SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

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

INTRODUCED November 24, 2014

ADOPTED November 24, 2014

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED November 25, 2014

EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro