RESOLUTION NO. 2014-522

First Reading Passage Requested

(P. Prentice)

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

DATE November 24, 2014 COMMITTEE Planning

A Resolution of support for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History’s Clean Ohio Grant Application for the Coventry Bog Preservation Project, for the Executive and Council and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the County of Summit Council recognizes the importance of preserving open space, protecting water quality, and creating outdoor opportunities for passive recreation and education; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project site, located entirely in Coventry Township, provides important natural habitat for plant and animal species, including several state-listed rare species; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project site supports high-quality wetlands immediately adjacent to Coventry Middle School, providing unprecedented educational opportunities on the shore of Long Lake; and

WHEREAS, preservation of the wetlands on the site will help protect and maintain ground water supplies and water quality within the Tuscarawas River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Coventry Bog project site will help maintain the amount of greenspace in Coventry Township; and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit Council concurs with the goals of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History to preserve, conserve and protect the natural features of Coventry Township and to provide the opportunity for enjoyment and appreciation of those natural resources; and

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

SECTION 1

The County of Summit Council hereby states its support for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History’s application to the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund for the Coventry Bog Preservation Project.
SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately stating the County of Summit Council's support for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's application to the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund for the Coventry Bog Preservation Project.

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 of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all 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

ENACTED EFFECTIVE November 25, 2014

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