

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-402 First Reading Passage Requested

2 (J. Wilhite)

3 SPONSORS Ms. Shapiro and Mr. Wilhite and Council of the Whole

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5 DATE October 15, 2018 COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution endorsing a grant application for the North Fork Yellow Creek Preserve**
8 **project to be submitted to NRAC District 8 Clean Ohio Fund by the Township of Bath,**
9 **Ohio, with the assistance of the Trust for Public Land, for Council and the Executive, and**
10 **declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, the North Fork Yellow Creek Preserve Project will result in the fee-simple
13 purchase and permanent conservation of approximately 78.3 acres of land as a nature preserve;
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15 WHEREAS, the North Fork Yellow Creek Preserve Project will protect approximately
16 6,028 linear feet of primary headwater habitat streams in the North Fork Yellow Creek
17 watershed; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Township of Bath intends to allow use of the property by the general
20 public for hiking and passive recreation, as well as organized groups for nature study and
21 research, including the University of Akron; and

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23 WHEREAS, the property contains unique habitat identified as potential sites for state-
24 listed threatened and rare species; and

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26 WHEREAS, the protection of high-quality natural sites is beneficial to the local economy
27 and quality of life of its residents by providing additional venues for nature-based recreation, and

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29 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
30 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to endorse a grant application
31 for the North Folk Yellow Creek Preserve project to be submitted to NRAC District 8 Clean
32 Ohio Fund by the Township of Bath, Ohio, with the assistance of the Trust for Public Land;

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

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37 SECTION 1

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39 This Council endorses the Township of Bath's proposal to permanently conserve the
40 approximately 78.3-acre property on Everett Road and to be known as the North Fork Yellow
41 Creek Preserve.

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43 SECTION 2

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45 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
46 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately show
47 support in favor of Bath Township receiving the aforementioned land.

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5 SECTION 3

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


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11 SECTION 4

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13 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
14 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
15 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
16 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
17 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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20 INTRODUCED October 15, 2018

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22 ADOPTED October 15, 2018

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27 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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32 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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34 APPROVED October 16, 2018

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39 EXECUTIVE

40 ENACTED EFFECTIVE October 16, 2018

Voice Vote: YES 11-0 - Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Hamilton,
Koehler, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Soyars, Walters, Wilhite