



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**Background:** This ordinance will authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to submit a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Nature Works Grant Program in the amount of \$28,476.00 with a 25% match of \$9,493.00 from the City of Columbus.

This grant is for the Woodward Nature Preserve parkland located on the west side of Woodward Park. The Woodward Nature Preserve is a thirty-two (32) acre high quality woodland area with a diversity of plants and wildlife. Citizens as well as participants of the Nature Preserve Advisory Council have expressed concerns about the area citing the lack of a developed trail system. Trails have been made throughout the woods giving no thought to erosion, wetlands, soils and sensitive plant life to name a few. This grant will enable the Department to develop a well thought out trail system that will provide access to the Preserve while at the same time protect one of our most valued natural resources. The proposed improvements include installation of a four (4) foot wide, crushed stone trail and low boardwalk. This trail will be 1,395 lineal feet and will connect with the existing bike trail in Woodward Park.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to submit a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Woodward Nature Preserve Nature Works Grant for development of a trail system through the Woodward Nature Preserve.

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Recreation and Parks desires to apply for a Nature Works Grant through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation and Parks Department wishes to apply for said grant for the Woodward Nature Preserve trail system; now, therefore

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Section 1.** That the Director of Recreation and Parks be and he is hereby authorized and directed to submit a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Woodward Nature Preserve trail system.

**Section 2.** That this ordinance authorizes an application only and is not a commitment to expend City funds.

**Section 3.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.