



Legislation Text

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Background:

The Ohio Public Works Commission awarded a grant to the Recreation and Parks Department in the amount of \$340,000.00 as part of the Clean Ohio Grant Program. The Clean Ohio Grant program preserves valuable greenspace in communities and aids sustainability. The grant will be used to acquire property in the Alum Creek corridor, to preserve high quality habitat, Category 3 delineated wetlands and preserve the natural buffer in the floodplain to aid in flood abatement. This parcel, Macedonia Church Site CCDAJ, is adjacent to parkland and is a continuation of the Alum Creek corridor. Letters of support were submitted by the Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries (FACT) watershed group and the Central Ohio Greenways Committee. Recreation and Parks is part of the Central Ohio Greenways program and preserving river corridor is a priority for this group. The grant award is for \$340,000.00 and the City of Columbus' share is \$120,000.00.

Fiscal Impact: The Recreation and Parks Grant Fund unappropriated balance will be reduced by \$340,000.00.

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to accept a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Alum Creek South Corridor Preservation-Macedonia Church site CCDAJ, and to authorize the appropriation of \$340,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund. (\$340,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Parks Department was awarded Clean Ohio Grant Funds from the State of Ohio-Ohio Public Works Commission; and

WHEREAS, this grant will be used to acquire property in the Alum Creek corridor for the purpose of preserving valuable greenspace; and

WHEREAS, corridor acquisition supports trail development; 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 accept a grant and enter into agreement with the State of Ohio-Ohio Public Works Commission in the amount of \$340,000.00 for acquisition of the Macedonia Church Site CCDAJ for preservation of the river corridor.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund No. 286, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009, the sum of \$340,000.00 is appropriated to the Recreation and Parks Department, Department No. 51-01 as follows:

Fund Type: Grant; **Dept. No.:** 51-01; **Fund No.:** 286; **Grant No.:** to be assigned by the Auditor's Office; **Object Level 3:** 6601; **OCA Code:** to be assigned by the Auditor's Office; **Amount:** \$340,000.00.

SECTION 3. That the monies in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Recreation and Parks, and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

