



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND:

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to expend an additional \$100,000.00 to secure a conservation easement over 55 acres of land along the east side of Hoover Reservoir in Delaware County between Harlem and Redbank Roads. This land encompasses one major stream and two smaller streams that empty into the Hoover Reservoir as well as the surrounding wooded riparian areas of each stream. Protecting this area will help prevent erosion, preserve the streams and steep-slope riparian areas adjacent to Hoover Reservoir, and protect the water quality of this raw water source for the City.

Ordinance 2020-2012 authorized the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to accept and enter into a 2012 Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Grant, administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission, in the amount of the \$262,500.00 and expend \$95,000.00 from the Department's Water Build America Bonds Fund to acquire the property based on an estimated value of the property at that time. The actual appraisal value has exceeded that original estimate by \$100,000.00.

Ordinance 1035-2013 authorized the Columbus City Attorney to expend up to Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$350,000.00) from existing Auditor's Certificate, AC-034851, and use this money to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests for a fifty-five (55) acre, approximately, conservation easement upon portions of real property located at 4834 Harlem Rd, Galena, OH 43021 [Delaware County Tax Parcels 31623002007000, 31714001059000, 31714001058000, & 31623002008000], which is owned by The Overbrook Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Ohio; and to contract for associated professional services necessary for this acquisition project. This Ordinance will authorize the City Attorney to expend up to an additional One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$100,000.00) to complete this project.

The total amount of the project cost is \$457,500.00. The grant amount is \$262,500.00. \$95,000.00 from the Water Build America Bonds Fund has already been transferred into the Water Grants fund by authorization from Ordinance 2020-2012. An additional \$100,000.00 will be paid for via transfer from the Water Works Enlargement Voted Bonds Fund into the Water Grants Fund to make up the additional cost necessary to acquire the property.

2. FISCAL IMPACT:

An additional grant match amount of \$100,000.00 is needed to meet the terms of the grant and acquire the conservation easement for the property. The \$100,000.00 in additional match will come via transfer from the Water Works Enlargement Bonds Fund into the Water Grants Fund. This Ordinance also requests the authority for the City Auditor to appropriate the proceeds of said grant for purposes of funding this conservation easement acquisition.

To authorize the City Auditor to appropriate and transfer \$100,000.00 from the Water Works Enlargement Bonds Fund into the Water Grants Fund to provide sufficient grant match for the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Grant; and to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000.00. (\$100,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Works Commission awarded a grant to the Department of Public Utilities in accordance with the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Utilities accepted and enter into the grant agreement; to accept the grant money; and appropriate the funds necessary for the grant match as authorized in Ordinance 2020-2012; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary, to appropriate and expend additional funds necessary to meet the terms of said grant; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for this Council to authorize the appropriation and transfer of \$100,000.00 from the Water Works Enlargement Bonds Fund into the Water Grants Fund to provide sufficient grant match for the acquisition of the property; now therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities, be and hereby is, authorized and directed to transfer \$100,000.00 from the Water Works Enlargement Bonds Fund into the Water Grants Fund for the purpose of meeting the grant match requirement for the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Grant Program for a conservation easement on 55 acres of land on the east side of Hoover Reservoir between Harlem and Redbank Roads, accepted by the Department on January 25, 2013.

SECTION 2. That the Columbus City Attorney is authorized to expend up to an additional One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$100,000.00) from the Water Grants Fund, and use this money to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests for a fifty-five (55) acre, approximately, conservation easement upon portions of real property located at 4834 Harlem Rd, Galena, OH 43021 [Delaware County Tax Parcels 31623002007000, 31714001059000, 31714001058000, & 31623002008000], which is owned by The Overbrook Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Ohio; and to contract for associated professional services necessary for this acquisition project.

SECTION 3. That the Department of Public Utilities has committed to administer the grant through grant coordination, grant reporting, grant fund pay requests, and contract administration services.

SECTION 4. That from the unappropriated monies in the Water Grants Fund, 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, 2014, the sum of \$100,000.00 shall be appropriated, to the Department of Public Utilities, **Department/Division 60-09**, as follows: **Fund Type:** Grant | **Grant Title:** Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation | **Fund Name:** Water Grants Fund | **Fund No:** 620 | **Grant No:** 601300 | **OCA Code:** 601300 | **Object Level 3:** 6601 | **Amount:** \$100,000.00.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$100,000.00 as follows:

FROM:

Dept/Div No. | Fund No. | Fund Name | Project No. | OCA Code | OL3 | Change

Department/Division: 60-09 | **Fund No:** 606 | **Fund Name:** Water Works Enlargement Bonds Fund | **Project No:** 690421-100000 (New Funding) | **OCA Code:** 606421 | **Object Level 3:** 6600 | **Amount:** -\$100,000

TO:

Dept/Div No. | Fund No. | Fund Name | Project No. | OCA Code | OL3 | Change

Department/Division: 60-09 | **Fund No:** 606 | **Fund Name:** Water Works Enlargement Bonds Fund | **Project No:** 690421-100000 (New Funding) | **OCA Code:** 606421 | **Object Level 3:** 5501 | **Amount:** +\$100,000

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$100,000.00 between funds as follows:

FROM:

Dept/Div No. | Fund No. | Fund Name | Project No. | OCA Code | OL3 | Change

Department/Division: 60-09 | **Fund No:** 606 | **Fund Name:** Water Works Enlargement Bonds Fund | **Project No:**

690421-100000 (New Funding) | OCA Code: 606421 | Object Level 3: 5501 | Amount: -\$100,000

TO:
Dept/Div No. | Fund No. | Fund Name | Grant No. | OCA Code | OL3 | Change
Department/Division: 60-09 | Fund No: 620 | Fund Name: Water Works Enlargement Bonds Fund | Project No: 601300-100000 | OCA Code: 601300 | Object Level 3: 0886 | Amount: +\$100,000

SECTION 7. That for the purpose of paying the costs associated with the match for the grant project, an additional expenditure of up to \$100,000.00 is hereby authorized within the Division of Water as follows: **Dept No: 60-09 | Fund No: 620 | Fund Name: Water Grants Fund | Grant Title: Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation | Grant No: 601300 | OCA Code: 601300 | Object Level 3: 6601 | Amount: \$100,000.00.**

SECTION 8. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 9. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer any unencumbered balance in the project account to the unallocated balance within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies no longer required for said project; except that no transfer shall be made from a project account by monies from more than one source.

SECTION 10. That the City Auditor is authorized to establish proper project accounting numbers as appropriate.

SECTION 11. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this Ordinance.

SECTION 12. That at the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 13. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.