



Legislation Text

File #: 1975-2007, **Version:** 1

Background: The following ordinance authorizes the City Attorney to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests, contract for professional services, and to expend the monies for payment of acquisition costs in connection with the **Parkland Acquisition Georges Creek Corridor**. This ordinance will enable the Director of Recreation and Parks to accept a grant in the amount of \$52,572.00 and to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources for the purchase of certain real property necessary to the project, and to provide for the appropriation of said funds to the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund. Funding from ODNR has been awarded for land acquisition

Fiscal Impact: The Recreation and Parks Department, has determined funding for this project will be from the Recreation and Parks Voted 1995/1999 Bond Fund (\$101,428.00) and the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund (\$52,572.00).

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is requested to allow acquisition activities to begin as soon as possible to finalize the agreement with current land owner.

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to accept a grant in the amount of \$52,572.00 and enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources for the purchase of certain real property; to authorize the City Attorney to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests, contract for professional services for costs in connection with the **Georges Creek Corridor Acquisition**, and to authorize an appropriation of \$52,572.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$154,000.00).

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is engaged in the acquisition of certain real property in connection with the Georges Creek Corridor project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept said grant and appropriate said funds; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City Attorney to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to certain parcels of real estate and to contract for the aforesaid professional services necessary in connection with said project for the preservation of the public health, peace, property and safety; now, therefore:

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

Section 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks be and is hereby authorized and directed to accept a grant in the amount of \$52,572.00 and enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources, for the purpose of land acquisition.

Section 2. That the City Attorney be, and hereby is, authorized to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to certain parcels of real estate and to contract for the professional services necessary in connection with the acquisition of certain real property necessary to the Georges Creek Corridor project.

Section 3. That from the unappropriated monies in the Recreation and Parks Grant 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, 2008, the sum of \$52,572.00 is appropriated to the Recreation and Parks Department, Department No. 51-01, as follows:

Fund Type: Grant Fund; Grant No518042 Dept No.; 51-01, Fund No.; 764; OCA Code; 518042; Obj Level 3; 6601; Amount; \$52,572.00.

Section 4. That the expenditure of \$101,428.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Recreation and Parks Voted 1995/1999 Bond Fund, #702; Dept./Div. 51-01; Project No. 510112; OCA Code 644526; Object Level Three 6601; and \$52,572.00 from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; Grant Number 518042 Dept No.; 51-01, Fund No.; 764; OCA Code; 518042; Obj Level 3; 6601 for the aforesaid purpose is hereby authorized.

Section 5. That the monies in the foregoing Section 3 & 4 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Recreation and Parks and or the City Attorney, 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 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after its passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.