



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission for the appropriation of grant and matching funds for the 2016 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Round 11 project-Big Run Preservation.

Background: The Department applied for grant funding in March of 2016 to acquire 19 acres of greenway corridor along Big Run Creek on the city's southwest side. The two sites are adjacent to existing city parklands and conservation areas. The acquisitions include over 2,000 l.f. of stream corridor. Greenways are a significant component of the city's health and wellness, diversity, social equity and conservation initiatives.

In June of 2016 the Department received notice that the project was funded for \$338,200 with a City match of \$147,000.00. The City match will come from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund.

Principal Parties:

Ohio Public Works Commission
65 East State Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Emergency Justification: An emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into said grant agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission and to fulfill the schedule required by the granting authority.

Benefits to the Public: Protection of riparian corridors is a key component of neighborhood area plans. Support was received by the local neighborhood, the City of Gahanna, and Otterbein University. The river is rated as one of the region's highest water quality streams.

Community Input Issues: Support was received by the local neighborhood, the City of Gahanna, and Otterbein University.

Area(s) Affected:

Southwest Area -- Planning Area 17

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by improving access to trails and greenways corridors. Provide safe connections for nearby neighborhoods to the regional trail network. Improve recreation access to streams, protect water quality.

Fiscal Impact: \$338,200.00 in grant funds will be accepted and appropriated in the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund 2283. \$147,000.00 is budgeted and available in the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 to meet the financial obligations of this grant match. There is a total of \$485,200.00 available for this project.

To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission for the 2016 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Round 11 project-Big Run Preservation; to authorize the appropriation of \$338,200.00 to the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund 2283; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$147,000.00 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$485,200.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to accept a grant and enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission in the amount of \$338,200.00 for the 2016 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Round 11 project-Big Run Preservation; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the appropriation of \$338,200.00 to the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$147,000.00 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into said grant agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission and to fulfill the schedule required by the granting authority; **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 in the amount of \$338,200.00 and enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies 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, 2016, the sum of \$338,200.00 is appropriated to the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund 2283 per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance. Appropriation effective upon receipt of executed grant agreement.

SECTION 3. That the transfer of \$147,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects within Fund 7702 Recreation and Parks Bond Fund per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the 2016 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 0960-2016 is hereby amended as follows in order to provide sufficient budget authority for this legislation and future projects.

CURRENT:

Fund 7702; P510301-100000; Greenways - Land Acquisition; \$230,000 (SIT Supported)

Fund 7702; P510901-100000; Clean Ohio Big Run Preservation Grant Match; \$0 (SIT Supported)

AMENDED TO:

Fund 7702; P510301-100000; Greenways - Land Acquisition; \$83,000 (SIT Supported)

Fund 7702; P510901-100000; Clean Ohio Big Run Preservation Grant Match; \$147,000 (SIT Supported)

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account 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 are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 8. 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 9. For the reasons stated in this ordinance's preamble, which is made apart of this ordinance, this ordinance is 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 10 days after its passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.