



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to amend a Capital Improvement Project Agreement with the Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW) by extending the contract term. FLOW is an Ohio non-profit corporation engaged in advancing, encouraging and promoting a clean and safe Olentangy River and its tributaries for all to enjoy in the City of Columbus.

The City entered into an Agreement with Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW) on October 11, 2018 through authorization established by Ordinance 1896-2018. FLOW desired to construct a pedestrian bridge over Slyh Run to connect the nearby neighborhood to Cranbrook Elementary and the 10 wooded acres surrounding the stream. Teachers, students, and families can access the woods, stream, and prairie as an outdoor education laboratory, and students can use the bridge as a safe route to school.

FLOW will administer the construction of the bridge and will retain maintenance responsibilities upon completion via an agreement with Columbus City Schools. The city will reimburse FLOW up to a maximum of \$20,000.00 for costs incurred from design and construction. The contract term ends on December 31, 2019 and must be extended to December 31, 2020 to allow for the completion of design and construction of the footbridge for installation during the summer of 2020.

Emergency action is requested in order to ensure the amendment of the contract terms prior to the end of the current contract period.

Fiscal Impact: No funding is required for this legislation.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to amend the contract term of the Capital Improvement Project Agreement with the Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed by extending the contract period to December 31, 2019 for the purpose of allowing more time for completion of a pedestrian bridge over Slyh Run; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, The City of Columbus entered into contract with Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed for the purpose of designing, constructing and installing a pedestrian bridge over Slyh Run to connect the nearby neighborhood to Cranbrook Elementary and the 10 wooded acres surrounding the stream and to provide a safe route to school; and

WHEREAS, FLOW will administer the construction of the bridge and will be reimbursed by the city up to a maximum of \$20,000.00 for costs incurred; and

WHEREAS, the current contract with the City of Columbus ends on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, additional time is needed to allow for the completion of the bridge's design and construction for installation during the summer of 2020; and

WHEREAS, an amendment is needed to extend the contract period to December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize an amendment to the Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed contract, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; **Now, Therefore,**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to amend the Capital Improvement Project Agreement with the Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed for the purpose of extending the contract period to December 31, 2020.

SECTION 2. 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 passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.