



Legislation Text

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Background:

This ordinance provides for the appropriation of special purpose funds to continue purchasing supplies and providing services in Fiscal Year 2020 that are supported by donations and fees. Deposits into this fund are from fees collected from reservoir neighbors and others for encroachment easement fees, tree damage assessments, utility easement fees, general restoration donations, and settlements from encroachment related issues, among other fees collected by the Department of Public Utilities Watershed Management Section and the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department.

Under the joint agreement with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department and the Department of Public Utilities, the Department of Public Utilities Watershed Management Section is responsible for resolving encroachments, including collecting money for damages and repairing any damage on reservoir properties to a condition that would provide an appropriate reservoir buffer.

Monies collected into the DPU Waterways Nature Preservation Fund are utilized for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of the City reservoir properties including, but not limited to, the purchase of trees, wildflowers, shrubs, evaluation of forest and wetlands, educational signage and materials, landscaping services, and legal & related service fees.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this ordinance will be to reduce the DPU Waterways Nature Preservation Fund's unappropriated balance by an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

To authorize the appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Public Utilities Special Purpose Fund to the Public Utilities Department to continue purchasing supplies and providing services during Fiscal Year 2020. (\$40,000.00)

WHEREAS, this ordinance provides for the appropriation of lapsed funds in order to continue purchasing supplies and providing services during Fiscal Year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities Watershed Management Section is responsible for resolving encroachments, including collecting money for damages and repairing any damaged property on reservoir properties to a condition that would provide an appropriate reservoir buffer, and

WHEREAS, deposits into this fund are from fees collected from reservoir neighbors and others for encroachment easement fees, tree damage assessments, utility easement fees, general restoration donations, and settlements from encroachment related issues, among other fees collected by the Department of Public Utilities Watershed Management Section and the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, and

WHEREAS, monies collected into the DPU Waterways Nature Preservation Fund are utilized for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of the City reservoir properties including, but not limited, to the purchase of trees, wildflowers, shrubs, evaluation of forest and wetlands, educational signage and materials, landscaping services, and legal

and related service fees, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Public Utilities Department to appropriate said funds in order to preserve the City's public health, peace, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That special purpose funds are hereby appropriated to continue purchasing supplies and providing services in Fiscal Year 2020 that are supported by donations and fees.

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, 2020, the sum of \$40,000.00 is appropriated in Fund 2223, Subfund 222311 in Object Class 02 Supplies and Materials and Object Class 03 Services per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. That the monies in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Public Utilities, 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 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.