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RESOLUTION NO. 13 - 2022

EXPRESSING the support of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati for the application for a grant from the 2022 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund, NRAC 2, Round 16, by the Cardinal Land Conservancy on behalf of the Cincinnati Waldorf School, for the purchase of approximately 19 acres of land by the Cardinal Land Conservancy from the Cincinnati Waldorf School, in order to create a permanent nature preserve within the City of Cincinnati, adjacent to the former Bahr Family Farm, the last family farm within the City.

WHEREAS, the Cardinal Land Conservancy, formerly known as the Citizens Land Conservancy of Hamilton County (“the Conservancy”), a non-profit 501(c)(3) land preservation organization and land trust, has worked since 1999 to preserve land in Hamilton County and elsewhere in southwest Ohio for farmland, natural areas, and open space, focusing on preservation of regional lands with natural, recreational, scenic, historic, or agricultural value; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy seeks a resolution of support from the City of Cincinnati for the award of a grant from the State of Ohio 2022 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund (“the Fund”), which would allow the Conservancy to create a permanent nature preserve on approximately 19 acres of wooded hillside adjacent to the last family farm within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Waldorf School (“Waldorf School”) intends to sell certain real property more particularly described as Hamilton County, Ohio parcel nos. 237-0002-0016 and 237-0002-0046 (“the Property”) and identified in Attachment A to this Resolution, to the Conservancy at a reduced price in coordination with the Conservancy’s intention to apply for a grant from the Fund to help preserve the Property in its natural wooded hillside state, and support the continued agricultural use of the immediately adjacent property as a farmstead; and

WHEREAS, Council has received a request from the Conservancy and landowner Waldorf School for support of the Conservancy’s application to the State of Ohio for grant funds to purchase the Property; and

WHEREAS, Council further acknowledges that the requirements of the Fund require a least a 25 percent match for the project costs, to be provided by the Waldorf School; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that the request for the preservation of the Property as open space and natural habitat, through nomination of the Property for the Fund program, is compatible with the long-range goals regarding greenspace preservation for the City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council support the application for a grant from the 2022 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund, NRAC 2, Round 16, by the Cardinal Land Conservancy on

behalf of the Cincinnati Waldorf School, for the purchase of approximately 19 acres of land by the Cardinal Land Conservancy from the Cincinnati Waldorf School, in order to create a permanent nature preserve within the City of Cincinnati, adjacent to the former Bahr Family Farm, the last family farm within the City.

Section 2. That Council has determined that the purchase of the nominated land and its proposed use as a permanent nature preserve is compatible with the long-range land use goals of the City of Cincinnati.

Section 3. That Council acknowledges that as the sponsor, Cardinal Land Conservancy, has agreed to hold, monitor, and supervise the land to be purchased with 2022 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant monies, and will do so in conjunction with the rights of the Ohio Public Works Commission, according to the terms of the 2022 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund.

Section 4. That Council acknowledges that, per the 2022 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund requirements, the Cincinnati Waldorf School as landowner is required to donate a local match of at least 25 percent of the appraised property value, and that Council appreciates this commitment by the landowners who voluntarily participate in the program.

Section 5. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council, and that a copy be sent to the Cardinal Land Conservancy, c/o Mr. Andy Dickerson, 790 Garfield Avenue, P.O. Box 957, Milford, Ohio 45150.

Passed: February 16, 2022

Attest: 
Clerk


Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Meeka D. Owens