



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final-revised

Climate, Environment & Infrastructure

Chairperson, Meeka Owens
Vice Chairperson, Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember, Jeff Cramerding
Vice Mayor, Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember, Seth Walsh

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

PRESENTATIONS

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful

Jonathan Adee, Executive Director

Whatever Happened To...Cincinnati's Bag Ban?

Nathan Alley, Conservation Program Coordinator at Sierra Club

AGENDA

- [202300408](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/25/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation and the City of Cheviot in order to facilitate the completion of various pedestrian improvements at the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Higbee Street in the City of Cincinnati in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's and the City of Cheviot's roadway improvement project along the Harrison Avenue corridor.

Sponsors: City Manager
Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)
- [202300409](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/25/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the performance of maintenance activities for State Route 562 and bridges located on State Route 562 in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's maintenance project in the City of Cincinnati.

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- [202300470](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens from Jonathan Adee,

Executive Director of Keep Cincinnati Beautiful.

Sponsors: Owens

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

4. [202300472](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens from Nathan Alley, Conservation Program Coordinator at Sierra Club titled, Whatever Happened To... Cincinnati's Bag Ban?

Sponsors: Owens

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Date: January 25, 2023

202300408

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE – ODOT CHEVIOT SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation and the City of Cheviot in order to facilitate the completion of various pedestrian improvements at the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Higbee Street in the City of Cincinnati in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's and the City of Cheviot's roadway improvement project along the Harrison Avenue corridor.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) intends to make improvements at the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Higbee Street in the neighborhood of Westwood. The improvements will enhance pedestrian safety at the intersection, which is located in both the City of Cincinnati ("City") and the City of Cheviot. ODOT improvements are part of the ODOT project formally known as HAM-CR 457 14.97 Harrison Ave (PID No. 114697) whose improvements are predominantly inside the City of Cheviot and within Hamilton County.

The City's Department of Transportation and Engineering has reviewed and approves of the proposed project. Upon completion of the project, the City will continue its existing right-of-way maintenance responsibilities. The City of Cheviot will be responsible for maintaining certain improvements (RRFB and flexible delineators) as agreed to in a formal Maintenance Agreement between the City of Cincinnati and the City of Cheviot.

The City of Cheviot and the State of Ohio will provide 100% of the cost of the project except for any features requested by the City of Cincinnati which the City of Cheviot and ODOT determine to be unnecessary for the Project. At this time, no features have been identified.

Except as needed for temporary access, no transfer of City right-of-way is required for the project and no change in use of City streets is expected to arise from the project. Changes in the use of City streets are subject to review and approval by the City Planning Commission, but no changes requiring their review have been identified.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2023

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation and the City of Cheviot in order to facilitate the completion of various pedestrian improvements at the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Higbee Street in the City of Cincinnati in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation’s and the City of Cheviot’s roadway improvement project along the Harrison Avenue corridor.

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of certain public rights-of-way located at the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Higbee Street in the City of Cincinnati at which the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) and the City of Cheviot (“Cheviot”) intend to make improvements to increase pedestrian safety in connection with ODOT’s and Cheviot’s sponsored project along the Harrison Avenue corridor (PID No. 114697) (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, except as needed for temporary access, no transfer of City right-of-way is required for the Project and no change in the use of City streets is expected to arise from the Project; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio or Cheviot shall provide 100% of the eligible cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, ODOT requested all necessary rights of way in the Project area be made available for the Project in accordance with current state and federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Department of Transportation & Engineering reviewed and approved the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the extent of City streets and changes in their use are subject to review and approval by the City Planning Commission, but no changes requiring the Commission’s review have been identified at this stage of the Project; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Project, ODOT and the City desire for Cheviot to maintain some aspects of the Project and for the City to continue its existing maintenance responsibilities for the rights-of-way in the Project area, as applicable, and other duties required by applicable state and federal law; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City of Cincinnati consents to and shall cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), on behalf of the State of Ohio, and the City of Cheviot (“Cheviot”) to facilitate the implementation of improvements to City rights-of-way to increase pedestrian safety at the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Higbee Street in the City of Cincinnati in connection with ODOT’s and Cheviot’s roadway improvement project along the Harrison Avenue corridor (PID No. 114697) (the “Project”).

Section 2. That the State of Ohio and Cheviot will assume and bear 100% of the cost of the improvements proposed as part of the Project.

Section 3. That Cheviot shall assume and bear 100% of the maintenance costs for the Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon signage and other items as agreed to for the Project and enter an agreement with the City for such maintenance costs and expenses.

Section 4. That the City shall bear 100% of the cost of those features, if any, requested by the City that ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration determine to be unnecessary for the Project; as of the date of this ordinance, no such features have been identified.

Section 5. That the City agrees to make available to ODOT and Cheviot all City rights-of-way required for the Project, including utility relocation, in accordance with current state and federal regulations and subject to any additional City approvals required for the encumbrance or acquisition of City property or change in use of City streets. The City acknowledges that all utility accommodation, relocation, and reimbursement in connection with the Project will comply with the current provisions of 23 C.F.R. 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual.

Section 6. That, from time to time, change orders and extra-work contracts may be required to fulfill the Project and ODOT shall provide written notice to the City, which shall process such

as needed and contribute the City's share of the costs of those items; as of the date of this ordinance, no such costs have been identified.

Section 7. To the extent applicable and unless otherwise agreed, the City upon completion of the Project shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the Project in accordance with all applicable state and federal law, including, but not limited to, 23 U.S.C. Section 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for any City maintenance responsibilities in connection with the Project; (3) to the extent required by state and federal law, maintain the right-of-way and keep it free of obstructions; and (4) hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes.

Section 8. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements and process any change orders or extra-work orders connected thereto with the Director of ODOT, ODOT-prequalified consultants, or Cheviot as necessary to complete and maintain the Project in accordance with the terms of this ordinance.

Section 9. That the City Manager is further authorized to execute any documents, upon the request of ODOT, necessary to allow ODOT to recover damages or exercise its rights and remedies under any contracts arising from any errors or omissions of any contractors or consultants.

Section 10. That the City Manager and the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with Cheviot and the Director of ODOT to facilitate the Project.

Section 11. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the City Administration to move forward with the necessary

agreements and project details to ensure the Project meets deadlines and the pedestrian safety improvements are realized and implemented at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Date: January 25, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202300409
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: ORDINANCE – ODOT NORWOOD LATERAL CONSENT

Attached is an Ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the performance of maintenance activities for State Route 562 and bridges located on State Route 562 in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation’s maintenance project in the City of Cincinnati.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has identified the need to perform maintenance activities as part of its maintenance project for State Route 562, the Norwood Lateral, which may include resurfacing the roadway on State Route 562, and rehabilitating the mainline bridges by replacing joints, painting and sealing the bridges, and replacing the barriers, of State Route 562, located in the City of Cincinnati (PID No. 102886).

The City’s Department of Transportation and Engineering has reviewed and approves of the proposed project. Upon completion of the project, the City will continue its existing right-of-way maintenance responsibilities.

The State of Ohio will provide 100% of the eligible cost of the Project.

Except as needed for temporary access, no transfer of City right of way is required for the project and no change in use of City streets is expected to arise from the project. Changes in the use of City streets are subject to review and approval by the City Planning Commission, but no changes requiring their review have been identified.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering

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WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) has identified the need to perform maintenance activities as part of its maintenance project for State Route 562, the Norwood Lateral, which may include resurfacing the roadway on State Route 562, and rehabilitating the mainline bridges by replacing joints, painting and sealing the bridges, and replacing the barriers, of State Route 562, located in the City of Cincinnati (PID No. 102886) (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, except as needed for temporary access, no transfer of City right-of-way is required for the Project, and no change in the use of City streets is expected to arise from the Project; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio shall provide 100% of the eligible cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has requested that all necessary rights of way in the Project area be made available for the Project in accordance with current state and federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Department of Transportation & Engineering has reviewed and approved the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the extent of City streets and changes in their use are subject to review and approval by the City Planning Commission, but no changes requiring the commission’s review have been identified at this stage of the Project; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Project, ODOT and the City desire for the City to continue its existing maintenance responsibilities for the right of way in the Project area, as applicable, and other duties required by applicable state and federal law; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City of Cincinnati consents to and shall cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), on behalf of the State of Ohio, to facilitate the performance of maintenance activities as part of ODOT’s maintenance project, which shall include resurfacing the roadway on State Route 562, the Norwood Lateral, and rehabilitating the mainline

bridges, by replacing joints, painting and sealing the bridges, and replacing the barriers, of State Route 562 , the Norwood Lateral, located in the City of Cincinnati (PID No. 102886) (“Project”).

Section 2. That the State of Ohio will assume and bear 100% of the cost of the improvements proposed as part of the Project.

Section 3. That the City shall bear 100% of the cost of those features, if any, requested by the City that ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration determine to be unnecessary for the Project; as of the date of this ordinance, no such features have been identified.

Section 4. That the City agrees to make available to ODOT all City rights-of-way required for the Project, including utility relocation, in accordance with current state and federal regulations and subject to any additional City approvals required for the encumbrance or acquisition of City property or change in use of City streets. The City acknowledges that all utility accommodation, relocation, and reimbursement in connection with the Project will comply with the current provisions of 23 C.F.R. 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual.

Section 5. That, from time to time, change orders and extra-work contracts may be required to fulfill the Project, and ODOT shall provide written notice to the City, which shall process such as needed and contribute the City’s share of the costs of those items; as of the date of this ordinance, no such costs have been identified.

Section 6. That, to the extent applicable and unless otherwise agreed, the City upon completion of the Project shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the Project in accordance with all applicable state and federal law, including, but not limited to, 23 U.S.C. Section 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for any City maintenance responsibilities in connection with the Project; (3) to the extent required by state and federal law, maintain the right

of way and keep it free of obstructions; and (4) hold said right of way inviolate for public highway purposes.

Section 7. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements and process any change orders or extra-work orders connected thereto with the Director of ODOT, or ODOT-prequalified consultants, as necessary to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this ordinance.

Section 8. That the City Manager is further authorized to execute any documents, upon the request of ODOT, necessary to allow ODOT to recover damages or exercise its rights and remedies under any contracts arising from any errors or omissions of any contractors or consultants.

Section 9. That the City Manager and the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to facilitate the Project.

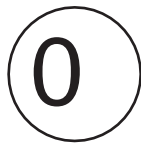
Section 10. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

WHO WE ARE



MISSION

Cincinnati is Beautiful. We're committed to keeping it that way. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful empowers people to build community and create a positive future through neighborhood revitalization, education, and mobilization. Our grassroots network of neighbors, sponsors, and volunteers put passion to work creating safer, cleaner spaces and a higher quality of life for everyone.

FOCUS

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful builds environmental stewardship in all neighborhoods.

KEYS TO SUCCESS

Respect • Problem Solving • Community Mindedness • Mindfulness • Passion
Teamwork • Communication • Reliability
Inclusivity • Honesty & Trust

STAFF

Jonathan Adee | Executive Director

Megan Beck | Volunteer Programs
Director

Emily Bottoni | Volunteer Project
Manager

Kirsten Brademeyer | Environmental
Education
Manager

Claire Bryson | Arts Program Co-
Director

Caroline Cain | Applied Learning
Coordinator

Ania Cosby | Community
Engagement
Coordinator

Katie Davis | Arts Program Co-
Director

James Johnson | Environmental Services
Coordinator

Sarah Mackenzie | Arts Project Manager
& **Alistair Probst** | Environmental Services

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WHAT WE DO

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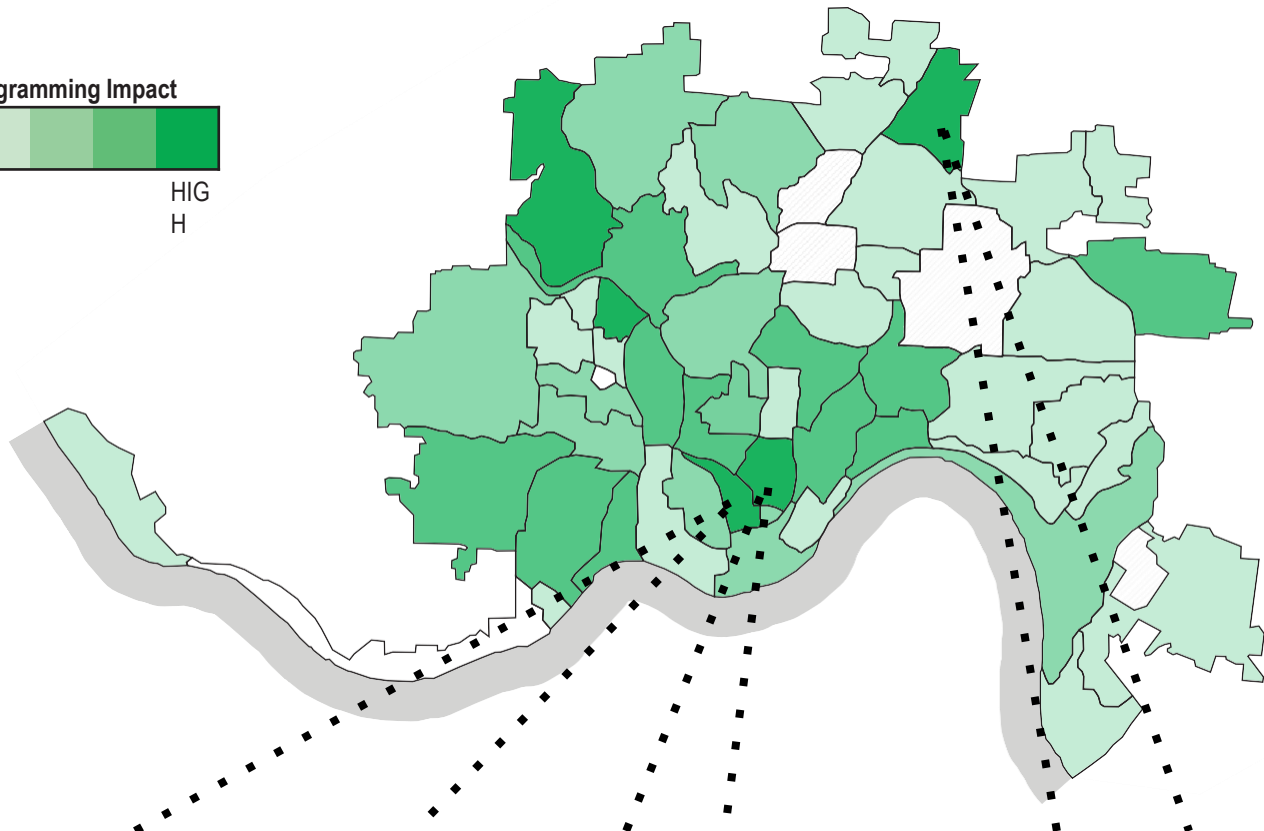
KCB Programming Impact

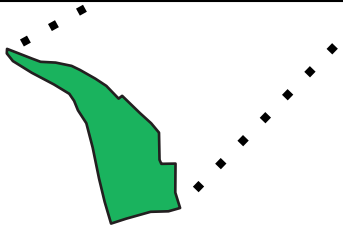


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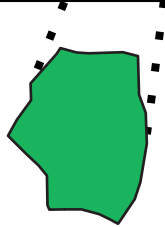




OVER-THE-RHINE



In recent years, Over-The-Rhine (OTR) has been recognized as the city's emerging entertainment district and while parts of this historic neighborhood have seen dramatic revitalization, other parts are fraught with environmental injustices. This year our Education, Arts, and Volunteer Programs targeted northern OTR through education and cleanup events. We worked with youth summer camps to provide environmental outreach as well as continued work with volunteers doing cleanups to pick up litter, remove graffiti, and paint 28 vacant buildings.



MOUNT AUBURN



This year we had the pleasure of teaming up with two adjacent communities, Mount Auburn and Pendleton, to work at a gateway to their neighborhoods. Kay's Garden is a memorial garden established along Liberty Hill, which in recent years fell into disrepair. Over the course of four volunteer events working with volunteers from Gorilla Glue, Madtree, Cincinnati Chamber, and Standard Textile we were able to transform the overgrown space with a massive greenspace overhaul as well as a series of community murals.



ROSELAWN



Roselawn has been a longstanding partner community, regularly hosting community cleanups with their active community council and resident base. This year we expanded the work we do with them through *altafiber's* Day in the Community. This 350+ person event was our first big corporate event since the pandemic and brought together Arts, Greenspace, Environmental Services, and Volunteer programming. We worked with various organizations, to paint murals, build community gardens, and clean up overgrowth.

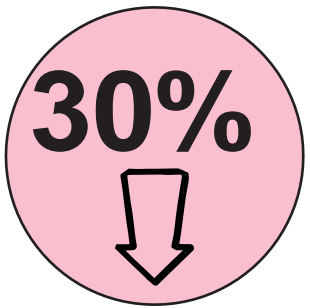


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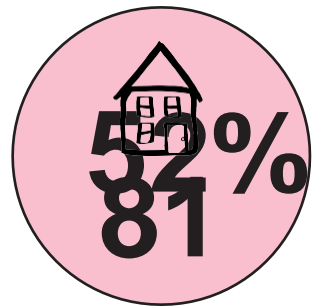
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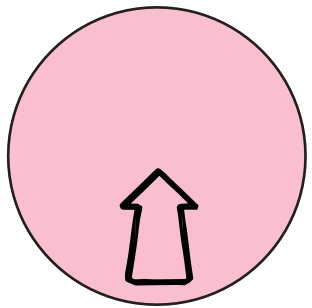
Our Arts Program uses **art as a catalyst for change**; reducing blight, crime, and illegal graffiti in some of the most forgotten parts of our city. Community eyesores like vacant buildings, tagged retaining walls, and rusty chain-link fences are **transformed into community assets by creating simple, low-cost works of art**. The facades of boarded buildings are painted with Trompe l'oeil representations of doors and windows, heavily vandalized walls are given new life with simple geometric murals, and commonly discarded materials are transformed into eco-art installations. Our work is changing the appearance and perception of neighborhoods, **improving quality of life, and encouraging economic development**.



30% decrease in environmental blight in our Arts Program's targeted areas.



New boarded building facades painted with representations of windows and doors.
(1,449 completed to date!)



52% increase in economic development in our Arts Program's targeted areas.





Our Arts team worked with four different corporate groups in conjunction with our Volunteer Programs to revitalize Kay's Garden, including this series of three murals depicting local flora.



Volunteer power is critical to the success of our programming. All of our work and painting processes are designed with this in mind.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This past year our Arts team gladly welcomed back the return and **growth of corporate volunteer groups to Arts based events.** Before the pandemic, we had started to find our niche in utilizing smaller groups of volunteers for specialized art-making events that were able to harness the unspecialized power of our volunteers. This year we worked with **10 different groups to complete 3 murals comprising 1,634 sq ft. and to paint the barricades on 20 buildings** in Downtown, OTR, and Evanston. Our team continues to build partnerships and innovate with design work and processes as a means of **creating ways for volunteers to be engaged in community artmaking**



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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stew-ard- ship

noun

The job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property.

“responsible stewardship of our public lands”



This year, we spent time reimagining our programming and have been pursuing partnerships and program offerings that will fill an educational need in our community. Following strategic assessments of completed Environmental Education programs, we have identified where our services can make the most impact and where there are gaps in service. Since then, we began to **re-envision our approach to Environmental Education**. In the coming year, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful will focus on **cultivating stewardship across generations**, specifically with high school students, young adults, and corporate partners.

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful was founded through the principle of **cultivating stewardship and care for one's community**. We seek to deepen personal stewardship while fostering a commitment to collective action community stewardship. We see this happening through **infusing education into all aspects of our programming**.

Stewardship Through Three Major Tenants:

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Creation of
workforce
development
programming

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Establishing
partnerships with
high school
sustainability clubs

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Expanding
educational
programming for
corporate partners &
volunteers



Youth of all ages were engaged across the region to discuss and depict what they love about their community.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

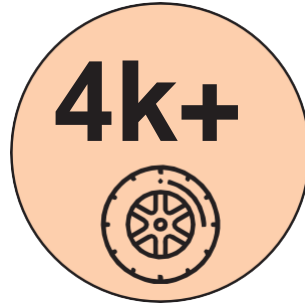
This summer, our Environmental Education Manager, alongside the Arts Team, facilitated the Community Pride Flag project. **Using reclaimed materials, our staff facilitated the creation of Community Pride Flags across Cincinnati neighborhoods.** This eco-art project taught young Cincinnatians about the importance of repurposing used and found materials and fostered an appreciation for the neighborhoods and city in which they live. We also spoke with young people about the **importance of collective action in raising awareness and pushing for social change.** The Community Pride flags also served as an example to our staff the importance of community-informed practices across age groups.



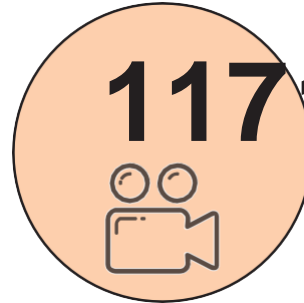
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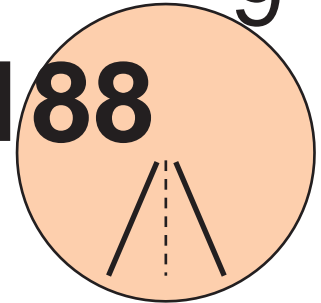
Our Environmental
combats harmful activities that threaten
green, clean, and beautiful places in
Cincinnati's neighborhoods through illegal
dumping and graffiti abatement. We **deter**
acts of environmental crime and vandalism
through strategic community partnerships
and strong working relationships with local
government agencies.



4,367 Tires
Collected



117 Illegal Dumping
Incidents Captured on
Camera



188 Miles of Roadway
Cleaned



Dump sites cause catastrophic damage to the surrounding environment and community. Working with partners, we monitor and clean up these sites to support healthy, thriving neighborhoods.



Volunteers from Samuel Adams were able to remove hundreds of tags in northern OTR in just a few hours with the help of our skilled team.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This year we continued to partner with local community groups, the City of Cincinnati, and Hamilton County departments to **develop strategies to deter acts of Environmental Crimes**. Through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Recycling and Litter Prevention, Recycle Ohio Grant, we purchased **new surveillance equipment that has been instrumental in our ongoing efforts to reduce illegal dumping** in our beautiful city. We are also pleased to announce that we have been able to expand staffing for the Environmental Services program through additional support from the city of Cincinnati.



GREENSPACE

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After years of work and community engagement at our Spaces to Places site in Evanston, we finally installed this neighborhood gateway sign and

Our Greenspace Program creates **clean, green, and beautiful places** in Cincinnati's neighborhoods through two signature initiatives; **Spaces to Places** and **Help-A-Lot**. The goal of both programs is to address the inequities of greenspace throughout Cincinnati. They do this by **encouraging people to restore underutilized public spaces into socially, culturally, and environmentally responsible spaces** that reflect the character of the neighborhood. Each year our staff works with **hundreds of volunteers to help maintain and establish our Greenspace program's Spaces to Places project sites**. We plant trees and flowers, weed, water, prune, edge, and mulch both existing and new project sites.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This year we **continued to partner with Camp Washington** to design a new gateway space for the neighborhood. It will include a new pedestrian path, gateway sign designed by the community, and a landscaped garden bed. We **started a new Spaces to Places project in South Cumminsville** in partnership with Working In Neighborhoods and Human Nature, to design a new neighborhood greenspace that will include environmental education stations, pavilion shelter, gateway signage/artistic mural, insect pollinator garden beds, rainwater harvesting, invasive plant remediation, and an edible native tree grove area. The transformation of the underutilized space will help revitalize the neighborhood, build awareness, and educate the community on how to grow fruits and vegetables. It will help eliminate blight and **create a place where residents can gather, create, enjoy, explore, relax, and learn with nature!**

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The Gateway sign and the Prairie landscape is beauty to that area. Because of the incredible and has brought significant change and first of its kind Evanston, Ohio Historical display the

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- **Sharron Moon, Evanston Resident**



VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

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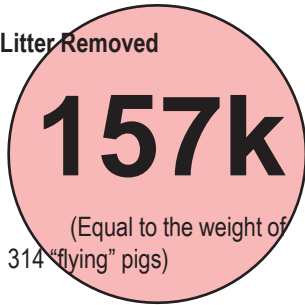
Our Volunteer Programs **empower everyone to better their community through beautification, litter prevention, and improving public spaces.** For over 24 years, from March through November, volunteers across the Tri-State rally to participate in massive cleanup efforts. **Together with our community partners we improve neighborhoods** through supporting cleanup events, organizing corporate give-back events, coordinating our Adopt-A-Spot program, and awarding Safe and Clean community grants.



Our Adopt-A-Spot program continues to see growth, with additional organizations and community groups getting support for regular cleanups.



Volunteers from altafiber worked at over a dozen sites in Roselawn this year to tackle projects large and small on the community's wishlist.



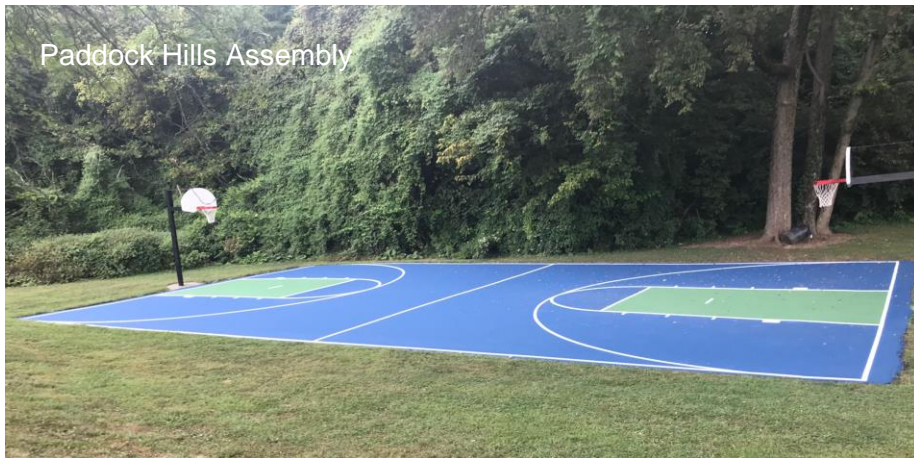
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Established by resident Kay Steinmetz, **Kay's Garden** long served as an oasis for nearby residents in Pendleton and Liberty Hill. After her passing, the garden fell into disrepair reaching its pinnacle of overgrowth last fall, subsequently rendering the sidewalk impassable. **Thanks to a renewed interest in the garden by its neighbors, a small but mighty crew of volunteers was formed.** But, it was going to take many hands to combat the years of neglect. To relieve the burden of this reset, **KCB partnered with 200 Gorilla Glue employees** for their Community Day this spring. In just one day, volunteers were able to remove tons of invasive species, making space for native plants and opening sight lines to promote public safety. Three beautiful murals now offer an opportunity for the public to engage in artwork where it's often not found. KCB's Volunteer Programs work to bring residents the **resources they need to bring their ideas to fruition and to improve the quality of life for all.**



SAFE & CLEAN NEIGHBORHOOD FUND

The purpose of the Safe and Clean Neighborhood Fund is to support and encourage community-based and community-initiated efforts to improve neighborhood safety, eliminate blight, and increase livability through local-level problem solving approaches and projects.



SAFE & CLEAN GRANT VERSUS SAFE & CLEAN ACCELERATE GRANT

SAFE AND CLEAN GRANT

- \$50,000 distributed annually since 2007
- Grant awards up to \$10,000
- Bi-annual deadlines in September & March
- Cash, in-kind and/or volunteer match required

SAFE AND CLEAN ACCELERATE GRANT

- Additional \$500,000 to distribute by 2024
- Minimum grant award \$1,000 with no maximum award
- Quarterly deadlines in June, September, December, and March
- Cash, in-kind, and/or volunteer match NOT required
- Priority focus in Cincinnati's "top-ten" neighborhoods experiencing gun violence

Grant Criteria

Projects must demonstrate measurable outcomes (i.e. changes in the conditions of safety, cleanliness, and livability) as a result of having completed the funded project/program. Grant applications must provide information according to four key selection criteria:

- Severity of the Problem or Condition
- Leverage of Resources (financial, volunteers, etc.)
- Effectiveness of the Proposed Response (including measurable outcomes)
- Partnership/Collaboration

Strengths in the above four criteria will enhance the competitiveness of any proposal. Other guidelines include:

- All projects/programs receiving grants must be implemented within the City of Cincinnati limits.
- Projects/programs must demonstrate a commitment to the S.A.R.A. problem-solving framework during planning and execution.
- All projects/programs must be initiated in the program year and demonstrate measurable impact within one year from receipt of funds.



SARA MODEL

SCANNING	ANALYSIS	RESPONSE	ASSESSMENT
-Identifying recurring problems & concerns	-Identifying & understanding the events/conditions that precede and accompany the problem	-Brainstorming new interventions	-Collecting pre- and post-response qualitative and quantitative data
-Selecting problems for closer examination	-Identifying relevant data to collect	-Searching for what other communities with similar problems have done	-Determining whether goals and objectives were attained
-Determining frequency/length of problems	-Researching what is known about the problem type	-Stating the specific objectives for the response plan	-Identifying any new strategies needed to augment the original plan
-Developing broad goals		-Carrying out planned activities	

goals

What is the problem?

Why does this problem exist?

How will we fix this problem?

How will we measure success?



Organization/Communities/Groups Awarded

General Information

Clifton Town Meeting

College Hill Forum

Cornerstone Renter Equity

Clifton Business Association

CUF

Evanston Community Council

East Price Hill Improvement Association - Price Hill Will

Madisonville

Mission Ministries

Price Hill Safety CAT

OTR Community Housing

Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation

Wave Pool

East Price Hill Improvement Association-Santa Maria

Village

Development Corporation

- Total Awarded: **\$446,800.00**

Lower Price Hill Neighborhood Association

- Total organizations/groups funded: **19**

Bond Hill Community Council

- Total applicants for Accelerate Round 1: **17**

Revolution Dance Theater

- Total applicants for Accelerate Round 2: **20**

- Total applicants for Accelerate Round 3: **18**

Voting Committee

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful convenes a six-member Fund Advisory Committee to review grant applications and make recommendations for funding. Composition of the Fund Advisory Committee will be as follows:

- One representative from **Keep Cincinnati Beautiful**; this representative will also serve as the Fund Advisory Committee's convener
- One representative from **Community Development and Planning**
- One representative from the **Police Department**
- One representative from the **City Manager's office (ex officio member)**
- One representative from **Public Services**
- One member from the **private sector (representing a broad cross-section of the community) selected by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful**

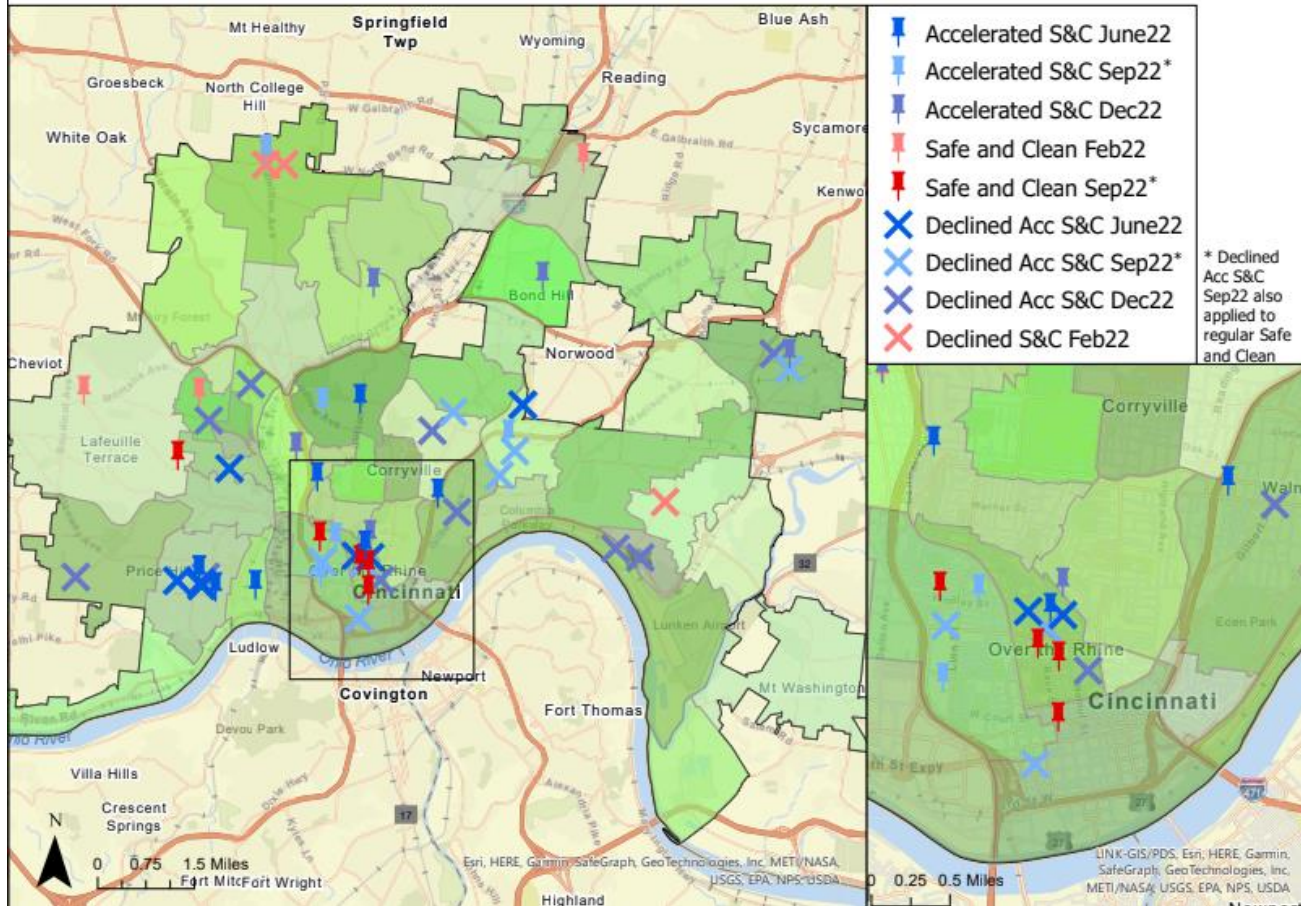
Nominees will serve on the Fund Advisory Committee for one year. In the case of resignation or removal of a representative, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful will replace the representative in time to participate in the upcoming round of application reviews and recommendations.

**** KCB representative has only one vote.**

All Safe and Clean and Accelerated Grants for 2022 by Neighborhood



Location of Safe and Clean and Accelerated Grants 2022



FINANCIALS

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

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REVENUE

Grants & Contracts	\$674,381	(49%)	●
Donated Materials & Services*	\$438,847	(32%)	●
Contributions	\$139,601	(10%)	●
Sponsorships	\$112,560	(8%)	●
Interest/Miscellaneous	\$1,219	(<1%)	●

Total Revenue \$1,366,608

* Total Revenue Less In-Kind \$927,761
(Donated Materials & Services)



expenses

Cleanup & Beautification*	\$438,321	(48%)	●
Education & Public Awareness*	\$292,208	(32%)	●
Management & General	\$127,841	(14%)	●
Fundraising	\$54,789	(6%)	●

* Program Services Subtotal \$730,520 (80%)

Total Expenses \$913,150

Net Assets Beginning of Year: \$184,197
Net Assets End of Year: \$491,355
Net Change: \$307,158



6%
REVENUE
GROWTH

VERSUS FISCAL YEAR 20/21

**CONTRIBUTIONS
INCREASED**

116

VERSUS FISCAL YEAR 20/21

For every dollar in public
funding we were able to
leverage a

\$26

**Sponsorship
INCREASED**

144%

VERSUS FISCAL YEAR 20/21

“Whatever Happened To ... Cincinnati’s Bag Ban?”



Sierra Club Ohio
January 31, 2023

Sierra Club Ohio works on solutions to plastic pollution throughout the state.



Please visit <https://www.sierraclub.org/ohio/plastics> to learn more and to get involved.

“Whatever Happened to ... Cincinnati’s Bag Ban?”

1. **What** is a bag ban?
2. The City of Cincinnati’s **2020 bag ordinance**.
3. The effect of **state law** on local bag ordinances.
4. **Other** local bag ordinances in Ohio.
5. What should the City of Cincinnati **do next**?



1. **What** is a bag ban?

In this context, the phrase “**bag ban**” refers to a local ordinance that prohibits the distribution of certain types of shopping bags at certain locations and/or by certain retailers.

The ability of local governments to adopt and enforce ordinances such as bag bans, which are intended to protect public health and safety, is enshrined in Ohio’s Constitution and is generally referred to as the power of “Home Rule.”

“Municipalities shall have authority to exercise all powers of local self-government and to adopt and enforce within their limits such local police, sanitary and other similar regulations, as are not in conflict with general laws.”

- Ohio Constitution, Article XVIII, Section 3

2. The City of Cincinnati's **2020 bag ordinance**.

On September 10, 2020, City Council voted 7-1 to adopt an ordinance regulating the distribution of single-use carryout bags in the City of Cincinnati.

The ordinance, which has never been enforced, states that restaurants and other businesses such as grocery stores that are classified as "**food service establishments**" **may not distribute single-use plastic or non-recycled paper (minimum 40 percent post-consumer content) bags** to customers.

The ordinance also states that the same business would be required to **charge customers \$0.05 for each recycled paper or reusable bag**, if the business chooses to distribute those bags to customers; revenue from the bag charges will be retained by the businesses.

Any customers that bring their own bags of any type to a food service establishment or restaurant may use those bags to carry goods.

3. The effect of **state law** on local bag ordinances.

House Bill 242 was passed by the Ohio legislature in 2020 and recodified in a later budget bill.

HB 242 prohibits local governments from charging a **fee or tax on “auxiliary containers”** such as single-use shopping bags.

HB 242 does **NOT** prohibit local governments from **banning** the distribution of single-use bags.

Jones's Bill to Ban Fees on Plastic Bags Signed into Law

October 13, 2020

Don Jones News

COLUMBUS – State Representative Don Jones (R-Freeport) today announced that Governor DeWine has signed House Bill 242 into law. The bill prohibits local governments from imposing taxes and fees on the use, sale and consumption of auxiliary containers for 12 months.

Ohio Revised Code Section 715.013

(A) Except as otherwise expressly authorized by the Revised Code, no municipal corporation shall levy a tax that is the same as or similar to a tax levied under Chapter 322., 3734., 3769., 4123., 4141., 4301., 4303., 4305., 4307., 4309., 5707., 5725., 5726., 5727., 5728., 5729., 5731., 5735., 5736., 5737., 5739., 5741., 5743., 5747., 5749., or 5751. of the Revised Code.

(B) No municipal corporation may impose any tax, fee, assessment, or other charge on auxiliary containers, on the sale, use, or consumption of such containers, or on the basis of receipts received from the sale of such containers. As used in this division, "auxiliary container" has the same meaning as in section 3767.32 of the Revised Code.

(C) This section does not prohibit a municipal corporation from levying an income tax or withholding tax in accordance with Chapter 718. of the Revised Code, or a tax on any of the following:

- (1) Amounts received for admission to any place;
- (2) The income of an electric company or combined company, as defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code;
- (3) On and after January 1, 2004, the income of a telephone company, as defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code.

4. **Other** local bag ordinances in Ohio.

Notably, bag bans in both **Cuyahoga County** and the **City of Bexley** went into effect at the beginning of **2022**. The **City of Athens** is expected to pass its own bag ban in **2023**.

The Bexley ordinance was adopted in 2019 and looked very similar to the ordinance that Cincinnati would adopt in 2020: it provided for a ban on single-use plastic bags and required retailers to charge a fee for other bags.

The Bexley ordinance initially went into effect in 2020 but was amended later that year to eliminate its fee provision and bring it into more obvious compliance with Ohio's House Bill 242.

In 2021, the *Columbus Dispatch* quoted the **Mayor of Bexley** as saying: “[T]he ban that we have in place is legal and it's not in any way counteracted by state action.”

As of January 2023, we've seen no evidence that the City of Bexley or Cuyahoga County have faced any legal challenges to their imposed bag bans.

City of Bexley

The new single use plastic bag provisions take effect on January 1, 2022, preventing local businesses from distributing single use plastic bags *in certain instances*.

- Single use plastic bags are still allowed for produce, meat, and certain other situations, such as dry cleaning bags. The ban applies in the majority of situations where a retailer is selling a product and providing a bag for carrying the product out of the store.
- Residents may bring any type of bag (plastic, paper, canvas) to use in any Bexley store they wish with no fees or restrictions.

5. What should the City of Cincinnati **do next**?

- **Amend** the 2020 bag ordinance, in part by repealing the \$0.05 fee that retailers are required to charge for recycled paper and reusable bags.
- **Educate** the public about and promote the use of reusable bags.
- Distribute **free reusable bags** to residents.
- Adopt implementing regulations for the amended 2020 bag ordinance.
- **Enforce** the amended 2020 bag ordinance.
- **Prohibit** the distribution of single-use plastic items in other contexts where the City of Cincinnati has the appropriate authority to do so.
- Include other provisions in the **2023 Green Cincinnati Plan** to address plastic pollution.