

February 9, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202200261

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Acceptance of Cash Donation for Bramble Park

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation in an amount up to \$16,925 from private sources to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x202005, “Bramble Park Streambank Restoration” for the purpose of restoring the streambank in, and removing invasive species from, Bramble Park; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds into existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x202005, “Bramble Park Streambank Restoration.”

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of up to \$16,925 from private sources to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x202005, “Bramble Park Streambank Restoration” for the purpose restoring the streambank in, and removing invasive species from, Bramble Park. This Emergency Ordinance would also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds into existing capital improvement program project no. 980x203x202005, “Bramble Park Streambank Restoration.”

On January 24, 2019, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0019-2019, which authorized the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of up to \$259,650 from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program for the purpose of providing funding for the Bramble Park/Little Duck Creek Nature Preserve Restoration and Trails Project. The project was awarded \$129,255 in grant funds on September 9, 2019.

On November 14, 2019, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0437-2019, which authorized the establishment of capital improvement program account no. 980x203x202005, “Bramble Park Streambank Restoration,” accepted and appropriated both the grant award of \$129,255, and the 25% local match of \$43,075 raised through private donations. The Parks Department has since raised an additional \$16,925 in private donations, which will increase the total project budget to \$189,225.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “Preserve our natural and built environment” and strategy to “Protect our natural resources,” as described on pages 193 – 196 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the funds to restore the streambank in, and remove invasive species from, Bramble Park at the earliest possible time.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment