



September 18, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202402055

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$300,000 from the Ohio Public Works Commission Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program to provide resources for the Mt. Adams Greenspace Land Acquisition Project.

A grant of up to \$300,000 is available from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program to provide resources for the preservation and restoration of open spaces. The grant funds would allow the City to fund the Mt. Adams Greenspace Land Acquisition Project, which would preserve approximately one third of an acre of green space at the corner of Parkside Place and Martin Drive in the Mt. Adams neighborhood.

The grant requires the City to provide local matching funds of 25 percent of the project cost, up to approximately \$75,000, which the City anticipates will be provided through non-City funding sources, including donations from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation. The Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program grant deadline is September 20, 2024, and the City intends to apply for the grant prior to the effective date of this ordinance, but no grant funds will be accepted without the City Council's approval, which will only be sought if matching funds are available. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Applying for grant resources for the Mt. Adams Greenspace Land Acquisition Project is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[p]reserve our natural and built environment" and strategy to "[p]rotect our natural resources" as described on pages 193-196 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to comply with grant application deadline.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

