

EMERGENCY

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- 2026

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation from Taking Root and the University of Cincinnati, valued at up to \$40,000, consisting of land improvements on City-owned property in the Camp Washington neighborhood of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, in an effort to increase canopy coverage, reduce the urban heat island effect, and reduce exposure to air pollution, the Cincinnati Parks Department is partnering with Taking Root and the University of Cincinnati Field Center to install two Miyawaki-style forests on parcels of land in the Camp Washington neighborhood that are owned by the City and utilized by the Department of Transportation and Engineering and the Department of Public Services; and

WHEREAS, Miyawaki forests are dense, fast-growing micro-forests composed of biodiverse native plants and are particularly well suited for urban environments; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the installations, Taking Root and the University of Cincinnati Field Center will monitor and maintain the Miyawaki forests; and

WHEREAS, this in-kind donation does not require matching resources, and there are no FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this donation; and

WHEREAS, enhancing canopy coverage, mitigating the urban heat island effect, and reducing air pollution in the Camp Washington neighborhood are in alignment with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181-185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept an in-kind donation from Taking Root and the University of Cincinnati, valued at up to \$40,000, consisting of land improvements on City-owned property in the Camp Washington neighborhood of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1.

Section 3. 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 accept the in-kind donation before the project begins in mid-April 2026.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk