

December 21, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202202272

Subject: Ordinance – Parks: Ault Park Trails and Playground State Capital Budget Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232033, “Ault Park Trails & Playground – Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget Grant resources in the amount of up to \$350,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, as authorized by the 134th Ohio General Assembly through House Bill 687, to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232033, “Ault Park Trails & Playground – Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources to renovate the trail system and refurbish the playground at Ault Park.

Approval of this Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant totaling \$350,000 from the State of Ohio Capital Budget through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232033, “Ault Park Trails & Playground – Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources to renovate the trail system and refurbish the playground at Ault Park.

The trail renovations encompass professional assessment, redesign, and installation of the trail system to make the trails compatible with the natural topography of the park while eliminating trail runs that are not sustainable. The playground renovations seek to reinforce and enhance the existing Ault Park play areas and structures to enable a safe and sustainable playground that promotes the health, enjoyment and well-being of children and families visiting the park.

The grant requires no matching funds. There are no new FTEs associated with the grant.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and strategy to “[p]rotect our natural resources” as well as the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 193-196 and 207-212, respectively, of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

