

August 3, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Clean Ohio Conservation Program Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$2,000,000 from the Ohio Public Works Commission Clean Ohio Conservation Program to provide resources for the acquisition and enhancement of green space adjacent to Mt. Storm Park and the protection and enhancement of river and stream corridors in California Woods Nature Preserve.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$2,000,000 from the Ohio Public Works Commission Clean Ohio Conservation Program to provide resources for the acquisition and enhancement of green space adjacent to Mt. Storm Park and the protection and enhancement of river and stream corridors in California Woods Nature Preserve.

The grant requires at least 25 percent matching funds which will be met by donations from the community through the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, donation of land, and other eligible capital project funding. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

The acquisition of green space and the protection and enhancement of river and stream corridors is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and the strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 193 and 207-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to comply with OPWC grant deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachment