

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2023

EXPRESSING the support of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati for the Western Wildlife Corridor's application for a grant from the 2023 Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program, NRAC 2, to create a permanent nature preserve within the City by purchasing approximately twelve acres of land in the Sayler Park neighborhood.

WHEREAS, the Western Wildlife Corridor ("WWC"), a non-profit 501(c)(3) land preservation organization, is an Ohio land trust dedicated to preserving local green spaces that provide habitats for local flora and fauna and enhance the quality of life in the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program (the "Program") provides grants to organizations to cover up to 75 percent of the estimated costs associated with acquiring and enhancing land for use as a green space; and

WHEREAS, WWC seeks this Resolution of support from the City for an award through the Program, which would allow WWC to purchase and create a roughly twelve-acre nature preserve on wooded floodplain that is available for purchase within the City of Cincinnati's Sayler Park neighborhood, located at 146 Lowland Road, Ohio parcel no. 167-0002-0196, and identified in Attachment A to this Resolution (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received a request from WWC for this Resolution because such Resolution is a required component of WWC's application for a Program grant; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further acknowledge that, as a condition of the grant, the Program requires WWC to provide a 25 percent match for the project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that the request for the preservation of the Property as green space and natural habitat, through application for the property to receive a Program grant, is compatible with the long-range goals regarding green space preservation in the City of Cincinnati; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council support the Western Wildlife Corridor's ("WWC's") application for a grant from the 2023 Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program (the "Program"), NRAC 2, to create a permanent nature preserve within the City by purchasing

approximately twelve acres of land in the Sayler Park neighborhood, located at 146 Lowland Road, Ohio parcel no. 167-0002-0196, and identified in Attachment A to this Resolution (the "Property").

Section 2. That the Mayor and Council have determined that the purchase of the Property and its proposed use as a nature preserve and permanent green space is compatible with the long-range land-use goals of the City.

Section 3. That the Mayor and Council acknowledge that WWC has agreed to hold, monitor, and supervise the Property to be purchased with the Program grant, and will do so in conjunction with the rights of the Ohio Public Works Commission, according to the Program requirements.

Section 4. That the Mayor and Council acknowledge that WWC shall be required to provide a match of at least 25 percent of the Property's appraised value, and that the Mayor and Council appreciate this commitment to preserving natural habitats and enhancing the quality of life within the City.

Section 5. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council, and that a copy be provided to the Western Wildlife Corridor, P.O. Box 389077, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmembers Mark Jeffreys and Jeff Cramerding