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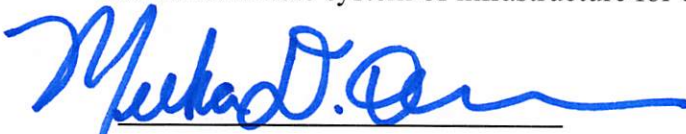
## MOTION


**WE HEREBY MOVE** for the City Administration to prepare a report within the next thirty (30) days on the guidelines around the implementation of green infrastructure and climate adaptive elements to existing infrastructure projects done from the proceeds of the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway to Norfolk Southern, pending approval from the voters of Cincinnati on November 7th, 2023.

The report should, at a minimum:

- Address the feasibility of implementing green infrastructure, which is defined as using natural features or planned ecological systems to manage water by mimicking the natural water cycle, as a part of projects related to storm water sewer overflow, overland flooding, and contaminated stormwater.
- Address the ways in which projects can include climate adaptive elements, including, but not limited to, how we can effectively grow clean energy and achieve the goal of 100% Renewable Energy for city operation by 2035; the continued maintenance of our city parks while ensuring things like the growth of green spaces, bio-swells, soil cells, and more that will allow safe, equitable, and formative outdoor experiences for families across Cincinnati; and increasing accessibility for residents to safely bike and utilize pedestrian infrastructure.
- Be in conjunction with Motion #202301876 passed on 9/7/2023.

These facets of the Green Cincinnati Plan are just examples that will aid in the formation of a more sustainable system of infrastructure for the City of Cincinnati.

  
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## STATEMENT

The sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway presents an opportunity for the City of Cincinnati to continue its service toward equitable sustainable infrastructure. The passage of the 2023 Green

Cincinnati Plan and the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway allows us to ensure that Cincinnati's infrastructure aligns with and continues to grow the sustainable initiatives of our city.