

RESOLUTION NO. 96-2014

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RICHFIELD JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT'S APPLICATION FOR CLEAN OHIO FUNDING FOR THE SUMMIT HEADWATERS DIVIDE PROTECTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Richfield Joint Recreation District is seeking financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program ("Clean Ohio") for the Summit Headwaters Divide Protection Project involving some or all of the property formerly known as Camp Crowell-Hilaka located in Richfield Township and the Village of Richfield, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this property will help to fulfill Clean Ohio's objectives of the preservation of open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors; and

WHEREAS, preservation of the property will protect natural resources including habitat for diverse plant and animal species while safeguarding ground water supplies and water quality within the east branch of the Rocky River watershed in which our community is situated; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this property with Clean Ohio funds will ensure that it is preserved in perpetuity and protected for the passive recreational enjoyment of residents of the Village of Richfield and beyond for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the Village of Richfield supports the Richfield Joint Recreation District's application to the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program for the purchase and protection of this property located in part within the Village of Richfield.

SECTION 2. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Richfield, County of Summit, State of Ohio and for the further purpose of authorizing application for Clean Ohio funds in order that clean-up operations may be commenced at the earliest possible time; wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

PASSED: 11/18/14

Rich Hilaka
President of Council
Bahlie Bestman
Mayor

Dated: 11/18/14

ATTEST:
Carolyn E. Sallwein
Clerk of Council