

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SUMMIT METRO PARKS' APPLICATION TO THE SUMMIT COUNTY TRAIL GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Everett Road was vacated and closed in 2021, blocking an important point of access to Cuyahoga Valley National Park to residents of Bath Township, the Village of Richfield, and Richfield Township, and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Village of Richfield finds that a connector trail beginning at Everett and Farmstead roads will provide these residents with needed access to Cuyahoga Valley National Park and its proximate trails like Riding Run, Furnace Run, and Perkins as shown in Appendix A; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Village of Richfield finds that there is inadequate parking for the above-named trails at the covered bridge parking lot and a new parking lot at the trailhead intersection of Everett and Farmstead roads of this connector trail will alleviate this issue; and

**WHEREAS**, A connector trail will be the first trail from the west to connect to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, providing safer access for residents.

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

SECTION 1. The Richfield Council enthusiastically supports Summit Metro Parks' application for the Summit County Trail Grant Program to complete an engineering study.

SECTION 2. The Richfield Council approves proportional payment for the engineering study from the general fund, not to exceed \$6,500.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; 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 passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 6-3-25

  
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President of Council

6/3/2025

DATE

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COUNCIL CLERK

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MAYOR