

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICT 8 OF THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR THE CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in November of 2000, the voters of Ohio approved a bond issue for the Clean Ohio Program; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Ohio Program contains a component for a Clean Ohio Conservation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Ohio Conservation Program provides a unique opportunity to advance conservation through the preservation of open space; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has been advised that approximately 28 acres of property located off of Streetsboro Road in the Village would be available for open space preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has further determined that acquisition of this property will preserve, enhance and restore open space for economic, social and environmental benefits to the Village and its residents; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to authorize the Mayor and the Finance Director to submit an application to District 8 of the Ohio Public Works Commission for financing for acquisition and preservation of open space under the Clean Ohio Conservation Program; and

WHEREAS, this Council further wishes to indicate that the Village will be bound by all program requirements for the Clean Ohio Fund including matching funds of up to twenty-five percent (28%).

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


SECTION 1. That the Mayor and the Finance Director be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to submit an application to District 8 of the Ohio Public Works Commission under the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Program for purchase of an approximately 28 acre parcel off of Streetsboro Road for preservation as open space and natural habitat, a copy of which application is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

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SECTION 2. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary in order to be effective by the application deadline of May 16, 2003; 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: May 6, 2003


President of Council


Mayor

Dated: 5/8/2003

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council