



TO: Gahanna City Council
Clerk of Council

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DATE: March 21, 2023

SUBJECT: Dept. of Parks & Recreation Report to Council (March 27, 2023 COW Meeting)

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM # 1: RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR CLEAN OHIO TRAIL FUNDS AND THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Big Walnut Trail (BWT) is the spine of the trail system through Gahanna. There is desire to make connections to the east and west of the BWT to increase walkability through Gahanna. In 2022, Council approved funding to evaluate and determine a preferred alignment as well as cost estimates for construction for a trail from the Big Walnut Trail at Creekside through Shull Park to the newly-renovated Columbus Metropolitan Library Gahanna Branch.

The Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking alternative funding for construction of the City of Gahanna's Link to Literacy Trail by application to the Clean Ohio Trail Fund (COTF) and the Recreational Trail Fund (RTP) administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The application requires a Resolution of Authorization to be passed by the legislative body of the agency in order to approve application for financial assistance and to obligate the funds required to complete the trail project.

The Administration is respectfully requesting a Resolution of Authority to seek alternative funding by means of COTF and RTP.

Requested Legislation and Funding:

Legislation Needed: Resolution
Emergency/Waiver: N/A
Name & Address: N/A
Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts Names/Titles): N/A
Supplemental/Transfer (Amounts & Account Names/Titles): N/A

Attachments:

PR – ATT – Resolution of Authorization