



To: Gahanna Planning Commission
Sophia McGuire, Deputy Clerk

From: Holly Boyer, Senior Utilities Engineer
Kevin Schultz, Senior Director of Operations
Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin

Cc: Priya D. Tamarasana, Esq. City Attorney

Date: February 11, 2026

Re: Department of Engineering – Request for Planning Commission Action (Feb. 11, 2026)

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM #1: WAIVER OF WATER QUANTITY CONTROLS PER SECTION 1113.02(E) FOR ACADEMY PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PK-25-08

The Academy Park Renovation project includes a full redesign and replacement of the playground with new equipment and surfacing, a relocation and expansion of the shelter to be replaced with a modernized facility, storage, shade structures, trailhead features servicing the mountain bike and the Big Walnut trails, and improved parking lot expansion to accommodate current park users. Surrounding trails and sidewalks will also be brought into ADA compliance and updated to accommodate changes in overall park layout.

In addition to these improvements stormwater infrastructure including the addition of a stormwater treatment facility is currently being design. Currently the park has no stormwater systems or on-site treatment facilities. The design team is requesting a waiver from the water quantity control provisions of city code (1113.02(e)), which is permissible through action of the Planning Commission and then City Council.

Engineers working on behalf of the City Parks and Recreation Department have submitted detailed designs that meets the state construction general permit requirements and are requesting a waiver from Gahanna's extra flood controls for the critical storm. The stamped engineering calculations show less than a 1% difference from pre-development runoff rates and therefore the proposed waiver will not cause a harmful increases in runoff.

The Engineering Department is respectfully requesting the Planning Commission recommended and advanced to City Council for adoption a waiver of the Stormwater Management Provisions listed in in City Code Section 1113.02(e).

Requested Action

Planning Commission Recommendation and Advance to City Council.



Attachments

ENG-ATT Academy Park FDP 2025-08-29.pdf

ENG-ATT Waiver Request 2025-11-20 (DP-25-12).pdf

Approvals

- This item has been approved by the Mayor
- This item has been approved by the City Attorney