

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-28
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Bodnar

**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING MAYFIELD VILLAGE TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR
THE FY2020 U.S. FOREST SERVICE GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE
APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING MAYFIELD VILLAGE TO EXPEND FUNDS IN
AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,722 FOR THE REFORESTATION OF RIPARIAN
HABITAT ON VILLAGE PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Chagrin River Watershed Partners (CRWP) is submitting an application for the F.Y. 2020 U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Program on behalf of the Central Lake Erie Basin Collaborative for planting trees to reduce runoff in Ohio's Central Lake Erie Basin; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes to reduce runoff through targeting plantings in central Lake Erie basin watersheds, which includes the reforestation of 3.25 acres of riparian habitat at Village-owned property near Bonnieview Road and Beech Hill Road; and

WHEREAS, it is Mayfield Village's express desire to support this application for the program and commit to working with CRWP to coordinate the plantings by contributing 20% of the total budget for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and in the best interest to the health safety and welfare of all Mayfield Village residents to support the application and obligate the necessary funds required for participation in the program.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Council of Mayfield Village finds and determines that it is in the best interest on the Village to support the Chagrin River Watershed Partners in submitting an application for the F.Y. 2020 U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Program on behalf of the Central Lake Erie Basin Collaborative for planting trees to reduce runoff in Ohio's Central Lake Erie Basin.

SECTION 2. The Council of Mayfield Village hereby approves and authorizes an expenditure not to exceed \$14,722, which is 20% of the total budget, for the reforestation of 3.25 acres of riparian habitat at Village-owned property near Bonnieview Road and Beech Hill Road.

The Village also agrees to maintain the newly-planted trees in accordance with the project's maintenance plan and will allow a sign to be installed at the project site.

SECTION 3. The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution have been taken at open meeting of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of health, safety and welfare of the residents of Mayfield Village, Ohio, for the reason that it provides funding for necessary and time sensitive services to reduce runoff impacting the Village. It shall, therefore, take effect immediately upon the passage by the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members elected to Council and approved by the Mayor or otherwise at the earliest time allowed by law.



STEPHEN SCHUTT
Council President

First Reading: June 15, 2020

Second Reading: _____, 2020

Third Reading: _____, 2020

PASSED: June 15, 2020



BRENDA T. BODNAR, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Director of Law

ATTEST: 

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June 17, 2020

Ms. Sheela Johnson
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Re: Letter of Support for FY2020 U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative application by Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. on behalf of the Central Lake Erie Basin Collaborative, *Planting Trees to Reduce Runoff in Ohio's Central Lake Erie Basin*

Dear Ms. Johnson,

On behalf of Mayfield Village, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for Chagrin River Watershed Partners' (CRWP) application to the FY 2020 U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative program on behalf of the Central Lake Erie Basin Collaborative. This application proposes to reduce runoff through targeted plantings in central Lake Erie basin watersheds, which includes the reforestation of 3.25 acres of riparian habitat at Village-owned property near Bonnieview Road and Beech Hill Road.

This project will reduce polluted stormwater runoff and improve water quality in the Griswold Creek-Chagrin River subwatershed of the Chagrin River watershed, which is impaired from excessive stormwater runoff from urban and suburban development. The Chagrin River watershed and Lake Erie will benefit from this opportunity to expand tree cover, reduce sediment and stormwater runoff, and improve water quality. It will directly contribute to achievement of water quality goals listed in the State-endorsed Griswold Creek-Chagrin River Non-Point Source Implementation Strategy and implements actions outlined in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan II to restore and manage healthy native plant populations and reduce nonpoint source pollution to the Great Lakes and its tributaries.

Mayfield Village supports this project and commits to working with CRWP to coordinate the plantings. At its June 15, 2020 meeting, Mayfield Village Council approved \$14,722 of cash match (20 percent of total budget for this site) to support this project on Village-owned property. Additionally, the Village will agree to maintain the trees and shrubs including watering, mulching, pruning and other activities in accordance with the project's approved maintenance plan. Mayfield Village will also allow a sign to be installed at the project site.

We strongly encourage your favorable consideration of Chagrin River Watershed Partners' application on behalf of the Central Lake Erie Basin Collaborative under the U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Program. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Brenda T. Bodnar, Mayor