

**RESOLUTION NO. 043-21R**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY, FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE URBAN CANOPY RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE 2022 URBAN CANOPY PROJECT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.**

**WHEREAS**, Ohio communities have faced a significant decrease in urban tree canopy from invasive insects and disease, extreme weather events, and development pressures and at the height of Ohio's Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation, Ohio lost over 10,000 acres of urban tree canopy each year, totaling an estimated \$9.3 million net loss in benefits per year and although this decline has been offset by federal, state, and local efforts to increase canopy, much remains to equally restore Ohio's urban tree canopy to pre-EAB levels; and

**WHEREAS**, funds supplied by the USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program for this grant program are intended to address the critical need to restore and improve urban forests due to catastrophic losses from EAB and to reduce the impact of climate change, while building resiliency through tree planting in urban communities where trees are critical to human health; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost of the 2022 Urban Canopy Project is \$20,000.00 and involves the planting of new trees to address canopy deficient areas in boulevards, parks, along the Sandusky Bay Pathway, and other City properties with final locations to be selected if funds are awarded; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant requires a match of 50% (\$10,000.00) which will be paid with City funds; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order submit the grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, by the deadline of October 29, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Department of Public Works, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Resolution** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter; and NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. This City Commission hereby approves the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, for

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financial assistance through the Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Program for the 2022 Urban Canopy Project and authorizes and directs the City Manager to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance and to execute any grant agreements and lawfully expend funds consistent with the application and agreement should they be awarded.

Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:  
CATHLEEN A. MYERS  
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: October 25, 2021