

RESOLUTION NO. 022-18R

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE 2018 GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE (GLRI) TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S RUNOFF REDUCTION THROUGH STRATEGIC TREE PLANTING PROJECT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the interagency Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) targets improvements to address the most significant environmental problems within the Great Lakes Basin and through an agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Forest Service (FS) anticipates receiving funds to support competitive projects that implement strategic, priority actions within Forest Service authorities to restore, protect, and maintain the Great Lakes ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, successful projects will address invasive species, nonpoint source pollution impacts on nearshore health, and coastal habitat restoration activities to improve water quality and anticipated funds will be distributed across three specific program areas: Mitigate Emerald Ash Borer Impacts, Reduce Runoff from Degraded Site through Green Infrastructure, and Enhance Coastal Wetland Filtration; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Runoff Reduction Through Strategic Tree Planting Project involves the planting of approximately two-hundred and seventy (270) trees at strategic locations around the City and will target publicly owned properties that lack desirable and/or sufficient tree canopies and are located near the shoreline and adjacent to streams and water bodies; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the proposed project is \$125,000.00 of which \$100,000.00 will be paid by the City and then reimbursed through the grant program, if awarded, and the remaining balance of \$25,000.00 (20% required match) will be paid with Storm Water funds from the Sewer Fund; 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 to ratify the submission of the grant application to the U.S. Forest Service for financial assistance through the 2018 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative which was submitted on May 9, 2018, in order to meet the submission deadline of May 11, 2018; 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

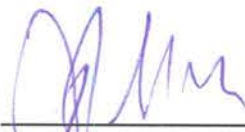
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. This City Commission hereby approves and ratifies the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Forest Service for financial assistance through the 2018 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) to support the City's Runoff Reduction Through Strategic Tree Planting Project and authorizes and directs the City Manager to execute any grant agreements, if awarded, and lawfully expend funds consistent with the application and agreement.

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.



DENNIS E. MURRAY, JR.
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

ATTEST:



KELLY L. KRESSER
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: May 29, 2018