

Resolution No. 874-2021

By Council Member Brancatelli

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Supporting Western Reserve Land Conservancy's Ohio Department of Natural Resources Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Program application to fund additional tree planting at Albert Bushnell Hart School (A. B Hart) in the City of Cleveland.

WHEREAS, the Western Reserve Land Conservancy is applying to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Program to fund the proposed planting of 25-30 additional trees in the vacant lots around Albert Bushnell Hart School (A. B Hart) on the southeast side of Cleveland in the Broadway Slavic Village neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Urban Canopy Restoration Grant program funds are intended to address the critical need to restore and improve the urban tree canopy due to catastrophic losses from Ohio's Emerald Ash Borer infestation 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 City of Cleveland recognizes the need to restore the urban tree canopy through tree planting within the City of Cleveland, including in vacant lots around A. B Hart School; and

WHEREAS, the Western Reserve Land Conservancy's application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, or this Council's support thereof, does not commit the City of Cleveland to provide monetary support or any other monetary or non-monetary obligation in furtherance of this proposed tree planting; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council supports Western Reserve Land Conservancy's Ohio Department of Natural Resources Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Program application to fund additional tree planting at Albert Bushnell Hart School (A. B Hart) in the City of Cleveland.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Elizabeth Grace, Director of Urban Fundraising.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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10-4-2021
FOR: Council Member Brancatelli

