

Resolution No. 752-2021

By Council Member B. Jones

FOR ADOPTION
September 20, 2021

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

In support of the application submitted by Natural Areas Land Conservancy to the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund Program for the purchase and improvement of the former John W. Raper school site, for the construction of the Hough Community Green Space.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Public Works Commission, administers financial assistance for conservation purposes through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program (“Clean Ohio”); and

WHEREAS, Natural Areas Land Conservancy desires financial assistance for the acquisition and improvement of the 2.6 acre parcel (PPN 106-22-039) that will comprise the Hough Community Green Space in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Hough Community Green Space will transform a vacant lot, formerly the John W. Raper school site, into a vibrant and ecologically restored community green space for passive recreation and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, Natural Areas Land Conservancy will work in partnership with the Famicos Foundation and other local partners and elected officials to conduct a community engagement process that will inform the design and amenities of the future green space; and

WHEREAS, Clean Ohio funding will support acquisition and improvements of the proposed Hough Community Green Space, which will complement the adjacent Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center by providing park space for play and gathering, improve access to outdoor recreational amenities for nearby residents, and support the ongoing revitalization of the Hough neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland recognizes the importance of quality neighborhood greenspaces to provide opportunities to gather, recreate, reflect and enjoy nature, improving quality of life for residents; 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 the application submitted by Natural Areas Land Conservancy to the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund Program for the purchase and improvement of the former John W. Raper school site, for the construction of the Hough Community Green Space.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Natural Areas Land Conservancy.

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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**REPORT
after Second Reading**

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READ THIRD TIME on SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

PRESIDENT

CITY CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

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