



City of Cleveland Memorandum

Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

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Date: April 17, 2024

To: Mark D. Griffin, Chief Legal Counsel and Director  
Department of Law

From: James DeRosa, Director  
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects

Subject: Authority to enter into a contract agreement with the Chagrin River Watershed Partners to be a grant partner in support of a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant award

Please prepare legislation authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects to enter into a contract agreement with the Chagrin River Watershed Partners to be a grant partner in support of a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant award for the Engaging Dugway Brook Communities in Designing Stream and Wetland Restoration Project.

Thank you.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY  
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects

**Authority to Enter Into a Contract Agreement with the Chagrin River Watershed Partners to be a Grant Partner in Support of a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant Award**

Ordinance No: 471-2024

Legislative Purpose: Authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects to enter into a contract agreement with the Chagrin River Watershed Partners to be a grant partner in support of a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant award for the Engaging Dugway Brook Communities in Designing Stream and Wetland Restoration Project

Project Summary: The Chagrin River Watershed Partners (CRWP) is a non-profit corporation formed by communities in the Chagrin River watershed to assist those communities to address current, and minimize new, flooding, erosion, and water quality problems through better planning, zoning, and land use controls and practices.

CRWP has acquired a \$500,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) National Coastal Resilience Fund for their "Engaging Dugway Brook Communities in Designing Stream and Wetland Restoration Project." Dugway Brook is a tributary that feeds directly into Lake Erie, which has largely been culverted underground due to urban growth throughout the 20th century. The grant project entails assessing the feasibility of creating an ephemeral or intermittent stream through the park that mimics the culverted underground Dugway Brook while also providing associated pocket wetlands, green space, and water quality benefits.

No construction or improvements will occur as part of the project. The project is a feasibility study to determine if creating an ephemeral or intermittent stream is physically possible, cost effective, and desired by the community. If the feasibility study determines the project is physically possible, cost effective, and desired by the community, CRWP will pursue additional funding and permissions to facilitate the construction of improvements.

The NFWF grant required a minimum 1:1 funding match. In order to fulfill the funding match, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District provided \$500,000 in cash, and CRWP and numerous grant partners pledged in-kind donation of services, including the City of Cleveland. The City of Cleveland pledged \$25,000 in staff time equivalency for the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects to participate in the project's Advisory Committee, provide design input, plan and execute community engagement, and other activities required by the grant. The intention of the contract agreement with CRWP, as required by the grant, is to formalize the City of Cleveland's pledge of \$25,000 in staff time equivalency for the duration of the grant period of performance of June 1, 2022 to October 1, 2024.

Cost: \$25,000 in staff time equivalency

Attachments: Glenview Park Map

Ward: 10, Councilman Anthony Hairston

Upcoming Schedule: Spring 2024 – Community engagement  
Fall 2024 – Completion of feasibility study