

# Ordinance No. 815-2020

By Council Member Cleveland

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Designating East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street between Kinsman Avenue and Rid-All Farm with a secondary and honorary designation of “Damien Forshe Way”.

**FOR PASSAGE**  
**October 21, 2020**

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WHEREAS, the citizens of Cleveland want to honor Damien Forshe with a secondary street sign designation of “Damien Forshe Way” in recognition of his service as co-founder and visionary of the Rid-All Green Partnership, an urban farm and environmental stewardship enterprise on East 82<sup>nd</sup> and Kinsman in an area known as the Forgotten Triangle; and

WHEREAS, Damian Forshe led the effort to secure land notorious for illegal dumping in 2010, and with his partners, transformed it into a nationally renowned urban farm that has grown from 1.3 acres with green houses, hoop houses, compost facility, rain catchment pond, tee pee, and tree house, to 15 acres with expanded compost operations, a tree nursery, fish hatchery, and a soon-to-open community kitchen and farmer’s market building; and

WHEREAS, Damian made extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of the farm, including working at the farm seven days a week during the first three years and contributing over \$75,000 of his personal finances; and

WHEREAS, Damian personally recruited and mentored neighborhood youth working jobs on the farm; coordinated community outreach that led to Rid-All Farm hosting concerts, festivals, community forums, art shows and a toy-gun buy-back with the 4<sup>th</sup> District police; and expanded relationships with local funders and partners, such as the Sisters of Charity Foundation, the Burten, Bell, Carr Development Corporation, the USDA, the Farm Bureau, Central State University, and veterans groups; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Clevelanders know East 82<sup>nd</sup> as the gateway to the Rid-All Farm, that was built, sustained, and expanded thanks to the tireless effort of Damian Forshe, demonstrating his extraordinary commitment to the lower Kinsman community and Cleveland; and

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

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

Section 1. That East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street between Kinsman Avenue and Rid-All Farm is designated with a secondary and honorary designation of “Damien Forshe Way”.

Section 2. That this ordinance 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 passage 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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10-21-2020  
FOR: Councilmember Cleveland

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REPORT  
after Second Reading

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REPORTS

referred to

CITY CLERK

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READ THIRD TIME on OCTOBER 21, 2020

PRESIDENT

CITY CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

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