

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects
Division of Real Estate

**Acquire Property and Expend National Park Service Grant Funds for a
New City Park near the Clark Recreation Center**

Ordinance No: 304-2022

Legislative Purpose: Authorizing the Director of Public Works to acquire property and to apply for, accept and expend funds from a National Park Service grant to construct a new city park near the Clark Recreation Center.

Project Summary: In August 2021 the City applied for a grant from National Park Service (NPS) to be used for construction of a new park on Clark Avenue.

Upon submittal of a final application, funding will be awarded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) as part of the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program. The grant will be administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

The grant requires recipients to acquire and/or develop public lands for outdoor recreation purposes in neighborhoods that are underserved in terms of parks and recreation resources and where there are significant populations of people who are economically disadvantaged. The Clark-Fulton area meets the requirements of the grant as an area underserved in terms of parks and recreation resources, and having a significant population of economically disadvantaged residents.

According to a recent study by Trust for Public Land, entitled "Advancing Park Equity in Cleveland," the Clark-Fulton neighborhood represents a high priority for park creation in the City from an equity standpoint.

The City's NPS grant award specifically requires development of a park next to the Clark Recreation

Center, which is scheduled to undergo a complete renovation starting in 2022. The project includes land acquisition, preparing the site, and making park infrastructure and landscaping improvements.

The project will be paid for with bond funds, NPS grant funds, gifts or grants accepted from various public or private entities and any other funds approved by the Director of Finance.

City has been negotiating with property owners on the block where the Clark Recreation Center is located, which is bounded by Train Avenue, Clark Avenue, and W. 56th Street. We are prepared to move forward with the acquisition of PPN 006-16-006 while City continues negotiating with other property owners on the block.

Sale Price:	Sale price for PPN 006-16-006 is \$22,500
	Sale price for other parcels are TBD, as approved by Board of Control
PPNs:	006-16-006 and other properties on the block bounded by Train Avenue, Clark Avenue, and W. 56 th Street.
Cost of Project:	Grant: approximately \$661,724 Cash match: \$600,000 Existing 2021 bond funding needed for acquisition: \$22,500 From the gifts or grants received from public or private entities and from other funds approved by the Director of Finance.
Ward:	Ward 15 (Councilperson Spencer)
Attachments:	Location Map