

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects

Co-sponsor Grant from ODNR with NALC and Transfer Land to City

Ordinance No: 635-2025

Legislative Purpose: To authorize the Director of the Department of Parks & Recreation to enter into agreements with Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and Natural Areas Land Conservancy (NALC), or its designee, to co-sponsor with NALC a grant from ODNR for the development of Hough Community Green Space and authorizing the transfer of Hough Community Green Space (Project) to City upon completion of the Project.

Project Summary: Ord. No. 980-2021 passed December 6, 2021 authorized the Director of Community Development to acquire the former John Raper School site from the Cleveland Municipal School District and to enter into a development agreement with NALC for creation of a new park, Hough Community Green Space, adjacent to City's Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center. The development agreement transferred ownership of the site to NALC. Upon completion of the Project by the end of 2026, NALC intends to transfer ownership of Hough Community Green Space back to City as a City-operated park.

NALC recently requested the City to co-sponsor a grant from ODNR for \$200,000, which will be used to assist with completing the Project. The City's co-sponsorship with NALC is needed because the grant requires awardees to control the property on which grant funds will be spent for at least 15 years. Because NALC intends to transfer the land back to City upon completion of the Project, ODNR requires City to be a co-sponsor on the grant.

Permanent Parcel
Number: 106-22-179

Ward: Ward 7 (Councilmember Stephanie D. Howse-Jones)

Attachments: Location Map