

ORDINANCE NO. 980-2021

Department of Community Development

John Raper **School Acquire and Convey**

Executive Summary

Ordinance Amount: \$0

Legislative Request:

To authorize the City to acquire the John Raper School and property located at 1596 East 86th Street for future redevelopment for the Department of Community Development; to convey the property to Natural Areas Land Conservancy, or its designee; and to enter into an agreement between the City and the Redeveloper.

Purpose:

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) has 19 former school sites that CMSD no longer needs, where they are seeking opportunities for redevelopment. The sites include 12 with former school buildings, and 7 that are vacant land. The John Raper site is one of the seven that is vacant land from a previously demolished school.

The City worked with CMSD to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), evaluate and score RFQ proposals, and make awards based on winning proposals. CMSD obtained appraisals for each of the sites to determine fair market value as the price that developers would pay for each respective property in the RFQ, unless another price is negotiated. One proposal was received for the John Raper School site. The awarded proposal is to Natural Areas Land Conservancy. The developer is offering the full-appraised price of \$50,000 for the John Raper property.

The proposal is to acquire the former John Raper School (1596 East 86th Street) property as a passive recreation area and park to serve the Hough neighborhood.