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

EUCLID BEACH CONNECTOR TRAIL AGREEMENTS

Ordinance No: XXXX-2025

Legislative Purpose: To authorize the Director of Mayor's Office of Capital Projects and/or Director of Parks & Recreation, as appropriate, to enter into agreements with Cuyahoga County ("County") and Cleveland Metroparks ("Metroparks") for the construction and ongoing maintenance of improvements along the Lake Erie Shoreline, known as the Euclid Beach Connector Trail, including erosion control infrastructure and recreational improvements (collectively the "Project"); to accept easements from owners of littoral parcels in the Project area for development of the Project, maintenance and public access; to amend Lease with Metroparks for Lakefront Parks, City Contract No. CT-7001 NF 2013-032, as amended, ("Lease"); and to enter into one or more submerged lands leases with the State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources necessary for the Project.

Project Summary: Cuyahoga County intends to construct the Euclid Beach Connector Trail ("Trail"), an approximately 2/3 mile multi-purpose path to expand public lakefront access, along with shoreline protection infrastructure to control erosion in an area west from Metroparks' Euclid Creek Reservation connecting to the Lakefront Bikeway at Shore Acres Drive and Lakeshore Boulevard in the North Collinwood neighborhood.

The Project will address Lake Erie shoreline erosion concerns and connect an underserved area, including the neighborhoods of Beulah Park, Villa Beach and Shore Acres to the Lake Erie shoreline, and will provide recreational opportunities to attract future investment and development in the neighborhood.

The County has negotiated donation of easements from upland owners in the Project area and will assign easements to City at no cost. City will enter into submerged land leases for areas lakeward of the upland easements and for two areas lakeward of the northerly terminus of E. 156th Street over which City issued County an encroachment permit pursuant to Ordinance No. 1245-2025 for

construction of the Trail. City will pay fees to ODNR in the amount of $1.00 per year for the submerged land leases as an operating expense.

The City will amend its Lease for Lakefront Parks with Metroparks to include the Project, for which Metroparks has agreed to take on maintenance and other responsibilities outlined in the Lease except for capital maintenance, which will be the responsibility of the City. Councilman Polensek has agreed to contribute $15,000 toward the first year of maintenance costs.

Ordinance No. 528-2023 authorized City to contribute $3,000,000 to the Project, with the balance of the $16,000,000 cost of the Project to be funded by contributions from Cuyahoga County, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and and grants to Cuyahoga County from the state of Ohio.

Price: $15,000 contribution for first year of maintenance plus $1.00 per year for 50 years for submerged lands lease.

Ward: 8, Councilman Polensek

Attachments: Location Map