Ord. No. 986-2025

CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Justin M. Bibb
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF
CAPITAL PROJECTS

JAMES D. DEROSA
DIRECTOR

July 23, 2025

The Honorable Blaine A. Griffin
President—Cleveland City Council
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 216
Cleveland, OH 44114

RE: Request to Pass Legislation Under Suspension – August 13, 2025 / Irishtown Bend

Dear Council President Blaine A. Griffin:

I am writing to ask your support in introducing and passing the legislation described below under suspension at the **City Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025.** This ordinance provides authority for the Director of the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects and/or Director of Parks & Recreation to enter into agreements with Cleveland Metroparks for the design and construction and ongoing maintenance of the Irishtown Bend Park and Trail Improvements, with details as follows:

Authorizing the Director of Mayor's Office of Capital Projects and/or Director of Parks & Recreation, as appropriate, to enter into agreements with the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District ("Metroparks"), or their designee at Irishtown Bend.

The passage of this ordinance under suspension on August 13 is essential to enable a project development agreement with Metroparks to be put in place in September 2025, so that Metroparks will not lose critical grant funding for the project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 216-664-4052. I appreciate your support and understanding in moving this legislation for the Irishtown Bend Project.

Sincerely,

James DeRosa, Director
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects

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