Ord. No. 993-2025

CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Justin M. Bibb

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

JAMES D. DEROSA
DIRECTOR

July 15, 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 / Euclid Beach Connector Trail

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 to enter into agreements with Cuyahoga County, Cleveland Metroparks, ODNR and private property owners for the design and construction and ongoing maintenance of the Euclid Beach Connector Trail Project, 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 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"); to grant temporary construction easements to County; and to enter into one or more submerged lands leases with the State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources necessary for the Project.

The passage of this ordinance under suspension on August 13 is essential to enable a project development agreement with Cuyahoga County to be put in place by September 12, 2025, so that Cuyahoga County will not lose critical grant funding for the project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 216-664-2231. I appreciate your support and understanding in moving this legislation for the Euclid Beach Connector Trail Project.

Sincerely,

James DeRosa, Director
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects

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