

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

**West Creek Conservancy: Mill Creek Stream Restoration Project at
Cleveland Enterprise Park in Highland Hills**

Ordinance No: 725-2019

Legislative Purpose: To authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into agreements and to grant a conservation easement and two temporary construction easements to West Creek Conservancy ("West Creek") or its designee for expenditure of grant funds for its Mill Creek stream restoration project at Cleveland Enterprise Park in the Village of Highland Hills.

Project Summary: West Creek was awarded "[319 Restoration Funds](#)" from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to perform stream and floodplain restoration work on Mill Creek. The segment of Mill Creek to be restored is within the Village of Highland Hills between Harvard Road and Mill Creek Boulevard and is on City of Cleveland property. The intent of this project is to restore the stream channel and floodplain hydraulics, and to restore wetland vegetation.

EPA's 319 grant program awards grants to address "nonpoint source" (NPS) pollution which is when rainfall or snowmelt, moving over and through the ground, picks up and carries natural and human-made pollutants, depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters and ground waters.

The 8.73 acre parcel is designated in the Plat and Restrictive Covenants for the City-owned Cleveland Enterprise Park as "Nature Reserve Parcel No. 2."

West Creek's proposed improvements will provide benefits that will further the intent for the nature preserve as outlined in the Declarations of Restrictive Covenants for the business park. The stream restoration project will also help ensure that

adjacent development parcels will not be eroded by the stream.

The Ohio EPA requires that City grant West Creek a Conservation Easement over the restoration work area to restrict development of the land and for West Creek's maintenance of the site in perpetuity.

West Creek also requires two temporary easements from City on adjacent parcels at no cost for access to the conservation area, construction staging, and related construction activities.

Budget:	<u>Total Project Budget:</u>	<u>\$438,130</u>
	OEPA Grant:	\$262,878
	Match/NEORSD:	\$175,252
	Match/City:	\$0.00
Cost to City:	N/A – 100% grant funded.	
PPN:	751-01-017	
Ward:	N/A – Village of Highland Hills	
Attachments:	Location Map & Easement Area Map	