

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THROUGH THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS, AN APPLICATION BY THE ASHTABULA COUNTY METROPARKS TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR A PUBLIC ACCESS PARK PLAN AND DESIGN FOR TURKEY CREEK METROPARK AND LAKE ERIE SHORE (\$66,000)

WHEREAS, the Ashtabula County MetroParks are applying to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Coastal Management Assistance Grant Program for \$66,000 to develop a public access plan & design for Turkey Creek MetroPark & Lake Erie shore; and

WHEREAS, the Turkey Creek MetroPark is home to special ecosystem w/>200 bird species, incl birds & other wildlife peculiar in Ohio to this part of Lake Erie shoreline and contains 225 acres of wooded wetlands, rare species of plants and wildlife with three miles of Turkey Creek, an outstanding trout fishing stream; and

WHEREAS, Turkey Creek is the only Ashtabula County site for potential Lake Erie public access both publicly-owned and comprised entirely of sensitive, covenant/easement-restricted habitat; and

WHEREAS, the plan will provide conceptual, engineering and design plans addressing obstacles, resources, restrictions and opportunities, proposing plans and broad costs to resolve issues, identify future tasks, timelines, potential partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (herein-after called Eastgate) is the designated Areawide Clearinghouse for the counties of Mahoning, Trumbull and Ashtabula and has the responsibility to review all applications for federal or state funds under the provisions of the Intergovernmental Review Process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Technical Advisory Committee of Eastgate, State of Ohio, that this application being submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Office of Costal Management Assistance Grant Program be hereby supported.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eastgate staff be directed to review this proposed project for its conformance with area wide plans and that said comments be made a part of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastgate staff be directed to forward a copy of this resolution and a copy of all written comments to the applicant and local and state agencies.

Passed this 5th day of September, 2019.

ATTEST:



James G. Kinnick, P.E., Executive Director



Gary Shaffer, Chair, Technical Advisory Committee