

# City of Willoughby Hills

## RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4 – AMENDED

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### A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EAST BRANCH OF EUCLID CREEK, SCHOOL OF INNOVATION STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT.

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**WHEREAS**, the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District was awarded a 319 grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) for the East Branch of Euclid Creek, School of Innovation Stream Restoration Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the award amount is for sixty percent (60%) of the total costs, not to exceed one hundred and fifty-six thousand, four hundred and sixty-two dollars (\$156,462.00); the remaining forty percent (40%) or up to one hundred and four thousand, three hundred and eight dollars (\$104,308.00) must be provided by a local match; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the East Branch of Euclid Creek, School of Innovation Stream Restoration Project is to stabilize the eroding banks thus reducing downstream sedimentation, stabilize the stream bed, and improve in-stream and riparian habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, the project site is located in the Euclid Creek Watershed along the East Branch, near its headwaters in the City of Willoughby Hills with the project area being located on the Willoughby-Eastlake Board of Education property directly behind the Willoughby-Eastlake School of Innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the complimentary goals will be the integration of the restoration project and overall natural area into the curriculum and programming of the adjacent School of Innovation. The idea is to create a Living Land Lab, built around the stream restoration project with students providing input on the project design in the early phases of development, pre and post-construction monitoring, environmental assessments, planting support, invasive species management and general appreciation of the natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD) is the applicant and will manage the grant and the overall project. CSWCD will collaborate closely with the landowner, the Willoughby-Eastlake Board of Education (W-E BOE) and the Willoughby-Eastlake School of Innovation throughout the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the CSWCD will also create an Advisory Committee to meet at project milestones to gain input from the property owners and partners. Advisory Committee partners will include representatives from the W-E BOE, W-E School of Innovation, City of Willoughby Hills, Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District, Lake County Stormwater Management Department, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Euclid Creek Watershed Program (ECWP) partner representatives from the Euclid Creek Watershed Council (ECWC-9 municipalities that oversee the watershed program) and Friends of Euclid Creek (FOEC-the citizens non-profit watershed advocacy group); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Willoughby Hills is participating as a Level Two Community in the Stormwater User Fee Program instituted by the Lake County Stormwater Agency and therefore able to utilize the services of the Lake County Stormwater Management Department for funding assistance to maintain and upgrade the storm sewer infrastructure within the community; this work can include, but not limited to, storm sewer cleaning and repairing, watershed studies, infrastructure improvements that reduce flooding and improve the quality of stormwater as well as other projects that may be considered at the request of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the required local match of forty percent (40%) or up to one hundred and four thousand, three hundred and eight dollars (\$104,308.00) will be provided through the City's share of the Stormwater Management Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** As a Level Two Community in the Stormwater User Fee Program, the City of Willoughby Hills requests that the Lake County Stormwater Agency provide the required local match of forty percent (40%) or up to one hundred and four thousand, three hundred and eight dollars (\$104,308.00) in support of the East Branch of Euclid Creek, School of Innovation Stream Restoration Project.

**SECTION 2.** The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were held in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: September 14, 2017

Nancy E. Fellows  
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President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval  
On this 18 day of September 2017

Approved by the Mayor

September 18, 2017

ATTEST:  
Victoria Ann Savage  
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Clerk of Council

Robert M. Weger  
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Mayor