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RESOLUTION NO. 2016 -1

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AUDUBON SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND'S EFFORTS TO SECURE CLEAN OHIO FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND PROTECTION OF THE HACH-OTIS EXTENSION PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Public Works Commission, administers financial assistance for conservation purposes through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program; and

WHEREAS, the AUDUBON SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND desires financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Program to purchase and permanently protect the approximately 80.5-acre Hach-Otis Extension property ("the Property") located in the City of Willoughby Hills in Lake County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, preservation of the Property is wholly consistent with the *Willoughby Hills Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2011*, which identifies hillside areas, riparian zones, and 100-year floodplain as conservation priorities in the Chagrin River Valley; and

WHEREAS, the property abuts the AUDUBON SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELANDS's existing Hach-Otis preserve and will augment the existing 81-acre preserve with natural habitat that is a documented nesting site for a number of bird species; and

WHEREAS, the project will likewise safeguard the portion of the Chagrin River that meanders through the Property and ensure that this segment of the scenic Chagrin Valley landscape is protected in perpetuity.

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

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Willoughby Hills hereby supports the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland's efforts to secure a grant from the Clean Ohio Program for the acquisition and protection of the Hach-Otis Extension property.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: _____, 2016

**Nancy E. Fellows
President of Council**

**Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
on this _____ day of _____, 2016**

Approved by the Mayor

ATTEST:

**Robert M. Weger
Mayor**

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