

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2019-25**

**INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Renda**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS TO EXECUTE AND FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes through the State of Ohio NatureWorks Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Moreland Hills desires financial assistance under the NatureWorks Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Moreland Hills previously has received three grants from the Ohio Public Works Commission's Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program for land acquisition to initially purchase 9 acres of forested hillside, 115 acres of mature upland forests and, finally, an additional 18 acres of relatively flat land with ponds and fields of wild flowers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Moreland Hills combined the first two properties to create Forest Ridge Preserve, the Village's first park and later added the final 18 acres to expand the Forest Ridge Preserve to 142 acres, thus providing residents with additional recreation opportunities and further preserving mature upland forest, headwater streams and habitat for state-listed rare plant and animal species; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Moreland Hills has received various grants from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for various infrastructure improvements, including pedestrian bridges, to the Forest Ridge Preserve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Moreland Hills wants to continue to pursue its goal of Preserving Historic and Cultural Resources at the Forest Ridge Preserve, per the April 2016 Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Moreland Hills wants to provide shelter and ADA accessible restrooms to Park visitors and, thus, wishes to demolish the existing home on the property, construct a pavilion and install composting restrooms for public use.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:**

**Section 1:** This Council hereby approves the filing of an application for financial assistance.

**Section 2:** The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, through the State of Ohio

NatureWorks Grant Program and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

**Section 3:** The Village of Moreland Hills does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program.

**Section 4:** The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings held in compliance with all legal requirements.

**Section 5:** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the residents of the Village and for the further reason that this Resolution must be immediately effective in order to meet the grant application deadline of June 1, 2019.

WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

  
MAYOR

PASSED: May 8, 2019

ATTEST:

  
CLERK

#### REQUIRED CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, the undersigned, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of resolution adopted by the Village of Moreland Hills Council held on the 8 day in the month of May, 2019, and that I am a duly authorized to execute this certificate.

  
Sherri Arrietta, Clerk of Council