

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RICHFIELD JOINT RECREATION
DISTRICT TO APPLY FOR STATE OF OHIO CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING,
2018

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has identified several significant capital projects at Richfield Heritage Preserve (the "Park") to be commenced in 2018, including the repair of the Lower Dam and the restoration and repair of the wastewater treatment plant, the costs of which will put heavy demands on the Board's financial resources; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Fundraising Committee has researched the match-funding program, sponsored by the State of Ohio, pursuant to which State funds are made available to fund qualifying capital projects within the State on the basis of applications submitted in accordance with the State's established procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Fundraising Committee has met with State officials and staff members, who have advised him that projects similar to our pending capital projects have in past years received significant State grants, and have encouraged the Chairman to apply for State funds for the Park not later than the deadline of January 3, 2018, and to include as many of our pending capital project as possible in that application so as to appeal as broadly as possible to the legislators and staff members responsible for reviewing and approving the grant application.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Richfield Joint Recreation District, County of Summit, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Chairman of the Fundraising Committee or any Board member designated by such Chairman be authorized to complete the Capital Budget Application in the form prescribed by the State of Ohio, identifying the Lower Dam restoration, the repair of the Park's wastewater treatment facility and such other pending capital projects as such Chairman shall deem appropriate as eligible projects for State capital funding, and to submit the completed application to the appropriate State official prior to the filing deadline. That the Chairman of the Fundraising Committee and any Board member such Chairman may designate shall also have the authority on the Board's behalf to meet with any State official or agency to discuss, review and advocate for the filed Capital Budget Application.

SECTION 2. That this Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with applicable law.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Dec 11, 2017
Date Passed

Attest: MSE
Secretary

Ruby B. L.
Chairman

TO: Trustees, Ms. Soroczak
FROM: William K. Smith
RE: Ohio Capital Budget Application for 2018
Date: December 8, 2017

ACTION BEING REQUESTED	TYPE OF REQUEST
Adopt Resolution	Approve and Adopt Resolution ²⁰ 2017

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As part of his fundraising work on behalf of the Board, Pat Norris has researched the availability of capital funding for Park projects through the State of Ohio's biennial capital grants process. State officials and staff members with whom Mr. Norris met to discuss the state capital funding program encouraged Mr. Norris to seek state contributions to the Park's pending capital projects. Past projects which have received State grants include the Gorge Dam Removal Downstream Impact Study, sponsored by the City of Akron and the Summit County Metroparks (\$750,000), the demolition and replacement of the Nimisilla Spillway, sponsored by the Akron YMCA and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (\$400,000) and the preservation of the Kister Water Mill by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and the Wayne County Park District (\$200,000). The State's capital fund is a matching-grant program; recipients are required to contribute an amount equal to the State grant for approved projects. This fund is an important and recurring source of funding even for established institutions (the Cleveland Museum of Natural History received \$3.3 million last year to finance a portion of its renovation), and staff members with whom Mr. Norris spoke suggested that our initial application (which is due on January 3, 2018) include as many of our pending capital projects as possible, noting that applicants don't always receive all of the funds for which they apply.

This memo requests Board approval for the completion of the application in the form attached, requesting state capital grants to fund the pending repair of the Lower Dam, the wastewater treatment plant, the renovation of Gund Hall and such other Park projects as the Chairman of the Fundraising Committee may deem appropriate for inclusion in the application, and for the timely filing of such completed application. Additional Board approval is requested to permit the Chairman of the Fundraising Committee or another Board member or members designated by such Chairman to meet with State representatives and others for the purpose of supporting that application and responding to State inquiries pertaining to the application or the projects described therein.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

State funding would be an obvious benefit to the Park and the capital projects we are planning. Moreover, establishing a presence in the State's capital programs could be helpful for future programs and in private fundraising efforts.

BOARD

Approve attached resolution.

132ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAPITAL BUDGET APPLICATIONOFFICE OF STATE SENATOR MATT DOLAN
24TH OHIO SENATE DISTRICT**APPLICANT POINT OF CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name		Title		Organization	
Street Address				Unit/Room #	
City		State		ZIP	
Phone			E-mail Address		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Name					
Brief Description of overall project					
Specific description of what state dollars are used for					
Entity or organization sponsoring the project					
Identification of the facility/asset owner during construction and after work completed					

PHYSICAL LOCATION OF PROJECT*If same as above, please re-enter here*

Street Address				Unit/Room #	
City		State		ZIP	

FUNDING DESCRIPTION*Amount of State Funds Requested and Amount of Non-state Funding must add up to Total Project Cost*

Total Project Cost		Amount of State Funds Requested	
Amount of Non-state Funding/Local Match			

Non-state Funding Sources (Amount from Sources must add up to Amount of Non-state Funding/Local Match)

Source 1		Amount from Source	
Source 2		Amount from Source	
Source 3		Amount from Source	
Source 4		Amount from Source	

Has this project received state funding in the past? YES ☐ NO ☐ If YES, how much?

Describe the connection between this project and the state

Please save application as **Project Name** and send to anthony.aquillo@ohiosenate.gov. Applications must be submitted by **January 3rd at 4:30 p.m.** in order to be considered for funding.