

RESOLUTION #11-2013

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WESTERN RESERVE LAND CONSERVANCY AND THE FRIENDS OF CAMP CROWELL/HILAKA

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio, who own the 350+ acres of what was formerly known as the Kirby Estate and is currently known as Camp Crowell/Hilaka, wish to sell this property;

WHEREAS, the Western Reserve Land Conservancy currently has a contract on the property. The Western Reserve Land Conservancy's intent is to preserve the flora and fauna, natural habitats, streams, creeks and lakes as well as the historic structures including inventor Jim Kirby's estate which includes the registered National Record of Historic Places, Kirby Mill;

WHEREAS, the Friends of Camp Crowell/Hilaka intend to purchase the property from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy to maintain and restore the property for public use.

WHEREAS, the land is currently in a Conservation District which was established for the following purposes (1) to preserve and protect the values of distinctive geologic, topographic, botanic, historic or scenic areas; (2) to protect the ecological balance of an area; (3) to conserve natural resources such as river valleys and tracts of forest land; and (4) to reduce the problems created by intensive development of areas having excessively high water tables or which are subject to flooding or which are topographically unsuited for urban type uses.

WHEREAS, permitted uses include residential and agricultural uses, wildlife refuges or game preserves and Richfield Township owned or operated uses. Conditionally permitted uses include hunting preserves, cemeteries, churches, privately or governmentally owned or operated parks, playgrounds or golf courses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Richfield Township Board of Trustees of Summit County, State of Ohio:

Section 1. The Richfield Township Board of Trustees supports the efforts of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and the Friends of Camp Crowell/Hilaka to purchase this historic, natural environment .

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions by the Richfield Township Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board of Township Trustees and that all deliberations of the Board of Township Trustees, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

Date

David R. Wyatt, Township Trustee

Laurie Peters Gilmore, Township Trustee

Janet Jankura, Township Trustee