

RESOLUTION NO. 20 - 2002

RESOLUTION TO COMMIT MATCHING FUNDS TO THOSE FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONSTRUCT THE 1.3 MILES OF TRAIL FOR THE PORT UNION-GILMORE PONDS HISTORIC CANAL TRAIL

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2002, the West Chester Board of Trustees voted unanimously to support the development of the Port Union-Gilmore Ponds Historic Canal Trail and approved the Township's participation in the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2002, the Township Administrator forwarded a letter of support to the Butler County Engineer outlining West Chester Township's funding commitment for this project; and

WHEREAS, this Board authorized a funding commitment for the amount not to exceed \$125,000, subject to appropriation by the Board, as the Township's local match for construction of the 1.3 mile segment of the trail which will run along the canal from State Route 747 to the Union Township Boundary; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes through the Clean Ohio Trails Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Ohio Trails Fund provides up to 75 percent reimbursement assistance to eligible political subdivisions for acquiring and/or developing trails for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the West Chester Township Board of Trustees, Butler County, Ohio, desires financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Trails Fund in the amount of \$120,211 to construct a total of 3.7 miles of trail as the Port Union – Gilmore Ponds Historic Canal Trail so as to better serve the recreational and transportation needs of the citizens of Butler County; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project is \$1,204,526 with \$301,131 to be funded locally; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of West Chester Township, Butler County, Ohio, authorizes a funding commitment of \$120,211, subject to appropriation by the Board, as West Chester's portion of the required local match funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms and conditions of the Clean Ohio Trails Fund; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Township Trustees of West Chester Township, Butler County, Ohio, has requested the Engineer of Butler County provide the Ohio Department of Natural Resources with all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of West Chester Township, of Butler County, Ohio, that:


Section 1: Authorize the Butler County Engineer to act on their behalf as Local Project Manager as it relates to the Port Union – Gilmore Ponds Historic Canal Trail.

Section 2: Authorize a funding commitment of \$120,211, subject to appropriation by the Board, as the local match for trail development in West Chester Township in conjunction with the Port Union – Gilmore Ponds Historic Canal Trail.


Adopted this 25th day of June, 2002.



Jose Alvarez




Catherine Stoker




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ATTEST:



Patricia Williams, Township Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Donald L. Crain, Law Director

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

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