

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY'S APPLICATION EFFORTS TO SECURE CLEAN OHIO FUND GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION FUNDING TO PURCHASE AND PERMANENTLY PROTECT THE ASHTABULA RIVER PRESERVE EXTENSION PROPERTY IN SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Public Works Commission, administers financial assistance for the acquisition and related development of open spaces through the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History desires financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Program to purchase and protect in perpetuity the approximately 238-acre Ashtabula River Preserve Extension property located in Sheffield Township, Ashtabula County; and

WHEREAS, preservation of the Ashtabula River Preserve Extension property protects significant parcels that safeguard approximately 6,300 linear feet of the Ashtabula River, which holds a State Scenic Designation; and

WHEREAS, fee-simple acquisition and permanent protection of the Ashtabula River Preserve Extension property will protect significant water resources and benefit water quality of the region; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition that will be funded with Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program grant funds will protect and manage the property and its natural resources in perpetuity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio hereby supports the effort to acquire the property through the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2025-396

September 16, 2025

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Upon the motion of Kathryn L. Whittington, seconded by Casey R. Kozlowski.

VOTE:

J.P. Ducro IV

Aye

Casey R. Kozlowski

Aye

Kathryn L. Whittington

Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio

SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP
P.O. Box 38
Kingsville, OH 44048

RESOLUTION # **71** -2025

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WHEREAS, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History will allow public access to the river and its banks on the Project Property for anglers, paddlers and hikers. The Museum will maintain a small parking area off of Benetka Road on the adjacent Stanton Preserve parcel for river access. The Museum will have a property sign posted with rules and contact information.

WHEREAS, In the event that the Cleveland Museum of Natural History applies for and obtains tax-exempt status, the Museum shall remit to Sheffield Township a payment in lieu

of taxes in an amount equivalent to the real property taxes that would otherwise have been allocated to the Township for the 238-acre Ashtabula River Preserve Extension property.

WHEREAS, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History shall install boundary signage indicating that the property terminates at the River.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby supports the effort to acquire the property through the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund.



Signature/Date *9-2-2025*

Troy Vard

Signature/Date *9-2-2025*

Alan Prohite *9-2-2025*

Signature/Date