RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR NATURAL AREA LAND CONSERVANCY'S EFFORTS TO SECURE THE CLEAN OHIO FUND GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION GRANT FUNDING TO PURCHASE AND PERMANENTLY PROTECT THE RICHMOND ROOKERY WETLANDS PROPERTY IN RICHMOND TOWNSHIP, ASHTABULA COUNTY OHIO

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Public Works Commission, administers financial assistance for conservation purposes through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund Grant Program, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23; and

WHEREAS, Natural Areas Land Conservancy desires financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Program to purchase and protect in perpetuity the approximately 134-acre Richmond Rookery Wetlands property in Richmond Township; and

WHEREAS, preservation of the Richmond Rookery Wetlands property protects a high-quality natural area and open space in Richmond Township; and

WHEREAS, fee-simple acquisition and permanent protection of the Richmond Rookery Wetlands property will help to protect valuable wetlands, hardwood forest, and streams within the Ashtabula-Chagrin River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, this land protection project will create an environment for passive recreational activities, such as walking, hiking, photography and nature education for learners of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23 provides that "an entity seeking a grant for a project that is eligible for funding shall submit an application to the natural resources assistance council with geographical jurisdiction over the proposed project area;", and Ohio Revised Code Section 164.23(8) further provides that "in addition to the application, an applicant for a grant for a project shall include a copy of a resolution supporting the project from each county in which the proposed project is to be conducted"; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, Ashtabula County, Ohio that the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio supports Natural Areas Land Conservancy's efforts to secure funding from the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for the acquisition and permanent protection of the Richmond Rookery Wetlands property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board which resulted in this formal action were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including ORC 121.22.

ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CERTIFICATION PAGE

Resolution No. 2026-417 **September 29, 2026**

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Upon the motion of J.P. Ducro IV, seconded by Kathryn L. Whittington.

VOTE:

Casey R. Kozlowski	**Aye**
Kathryn L. Whittington	**Aye**
J.P. Ducro IV	**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.

Crystal Sturgill

Crystal Sturgill, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio

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WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Public Works Commission, administers financial assistance for conservation purposes through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program ("Clean Ohio"); and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RICHMOND TOWNSHIP, ASHTABULA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, that the Board supports Natural Areas Land Conservancy's efforts to secure funding from the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for the acquisition and permanent protection of the Richmond Rookery Wetlands property.

7/13/24