

**Resolution in support of a Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation grant application for the Hancock Farm Conservation Project (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING)**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Public Works Commission administers the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program to fund the preservation of open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code 164.23(B(1)) requires that Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Grant applications include a resolution of support from the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Appalachia Ohio Alliance (AOA), a 501(C)3 nonprofit land conservancy, is the applicant for a Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Grant for the Hancock Farm Conservation Project, as part of their Scioto River Flyway Corridor Conservation Initiative, to protect approximately 212 acres of land in Jackson Township, Franklin County, located along Jackson Pike (State Route 104) just south of its intersection with Hibbs Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the site contains wetlands, maturing forests, bottom land areas (along Grant Run), and agricultural fields that AOA intends to turn into a passive park conservation and nature preserve that will protect the area in perpetuity and allow for the return of agricultural fields to a native habitat as determined in the development of a site management plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Grant will allow AOA to acquire land for a passive park, wetland and stream preservation or restoration, to connect greenway corridors (Scioto Grove Metro Park), and to enhance educational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution is consistent with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners' Core Principles; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. The Board of County Commissioners supports the Appalachia Ohio Alliance application for a Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund NRAC (National Resources Assistance Council) District 3 Grant for the Hancock Farm Conservation Project.

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