

**RESOLUTION**

**Expressing support for Cleveland Metroparks' request for a 2007 State of Ohio capital budget appropriation in the amount of \$300,000.00 to create West Creek Reservation in the City of Parma and establish park stewardship initiatives.**

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**WHEREAS, Cleveland Metroparks, northeast Ohio's Emerald Necklace, was established on July 23, 1917 and is the oldest park district in the State of Ohio.**

**WHEREAS, Cleveland Metroparks provided 15.4 million recreation visits at 16 reservations located in Cuyahoga County and northeast Ohio in 2005.**

**WHEREAS, in 2004, the City of Parma and the West Creek Preservation Committee (a citizen's group dedicated to protecting the West Creek watershed) invited Cleveland Metroparks to manage and provide stewardship for 278 acres of natural area.**

**WHEREAS, following completion of a master plan that involved extensive community participation, Cleveland Metroparks established West Creek Reservation in January, 2006.**

**WHEREAS, West Creek Reservation is located in a densely populated area of Parma within close proximity to Seven Hills, Independence, Broadview Heights and Cleveland serving over 240,000 area citizens.**

**WHEREAS, West Creek Reservation is located within the boundaries of the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Corridor and will be linked through greenways to the Towpath Trail and Cuyahoga Valley National Park.**

**WHEREAS, West Creek Reservation will provide recreational and educational opportunities for local and regional visitors and restore and preserve one of the largest remaining open spaces within Cuyahoga County.**

**WHEREAS, West Creek Reservation will serve as a living laboratory for Great Lakes restoration through watershed protection.**

**AND WHEREAS, Cleveland Metroparks has requested \$300,000.00 from the 2007 State of Ohio capital budget to create West Creek Reservation in the City of Parma and establish park stewardship initiatives.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, expresses support for Cleveland Metroparks' request for a 2007 State of Ohio capital budget appropriation of \$300,000.00 towards the creation of West Creek Reservation.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Robert Taft; Ohio Senate President William Harris; Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, Jon Husted and Cuyahoga County members of the Ohio General Assembly.**

**On Motion of Commissioner Hagan, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

**Ayes: Hagan, Jones, Dimora.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Penelope M. Hughes,  
Clerk of the Board**

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