

**RESOLUTION NO. 121-2023**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY, FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM FOR A TREE PLANTING PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF CROOKSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is offering grant opportunities through the Division of Forestry with funds being supplied by the USDA Forest Service, intended to substantially invest in the long-term growth and development of local urban and community forestry programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Crooksville has been working with the Village of Crooksville Parks Staff for the development of the preliminary scope and tree planting locations as part of the Parks and Public Spaces of Crooksville Improvement Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project proposes to plant approximately 20 trees at strategic locations throughout the Village of Crooksville properties and parks, and these locations will target areas that lack desirable and/or sufficient tree canopies as determined through the final design of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village will be applying for grant funds in the amount of \$15,727, and as an eligible Project through this opportunity, will receive a full match waiver; and

**WHEREAS**, because the Village of Crooksville does not have the funds available within its budget to complete the important, it is imperative that the Village of Crooksville seek funding therefore from outside programs; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in order to timely submit the grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, by the deadline of December 29, 2023.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Crooksville, Perry County, Ohio as follows:

**Section 1:** The Village hereby approves the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, for financial assistance through the Urban Forestry Grant Program for a tree planting project as part of the Public Spaces and Parks of Crooksville Improvements Project, and authorizes and directs the Mayor and/or Village Administrator to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for

possible funding assistance and to execute any grant agreements and lawfully expend funds consistent with the application and agreement should the Village's Project be awarded.

**Section 2:** The Village hereby finds and determines that all formal actions of the Village of Crooksville concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Village Council and that all deliberations that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with law.

**Section 3:** This resolution is declared to be an emergency measure in order to allow for timely submission of the grant application in order to serve the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Crooksville.

**Section 4:** This resolution shall take effect and be in full force upon final passage.

1st Reading: Waived/Suspended on  $\frac{3}{4}$  Vote;

2nd Reading: Waived/Suspended on  $\frac{3}{4}$  Vote:

3rd Reading: Passed on  $\frac{2}{3}$  Vote December 18, 2023.

**Passed:** December 18, 2023.

  
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Christopher S. Mohler, Mayor

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Courtney Edwards, Fiscal Officer

**Posting Certification**

This ordinance was posted at the five prescribed locations within the Village of Crooksville, Ohio, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

  
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Courtney Edwards, Fiscal Officer

**Certification:**

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 121-2023.

*Courtney Edwards*

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