

**VILLAGE OF CARROLLTON, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR WESTERN RESERVE LAND CONSERVANCY'S EFFORTS
TO SECURE THE CLEAN OHIO FUND GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION FUNDING TO PURCHASE AND
PERMANENTLY PROTECT THE KENSINGTON FOREST PRESERVE PROPERTY
IN THE VILLAGE OF CARROLLTON, CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY**

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

WHEREAS, Western Reserve Land Conservancy desires financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Program to purchase and protect in perpetuity the approximately 45-acre Kensington Forest Preserve property in the Village of Carrollton; and

WHEREAS, preservation of the Kensington Forest Preserve property protects a high-quality natural area and open space in the Village of Carrollton; and

WHEREAS, fee-simple acquisition and permanent protection of the Kensington Forest Preserve property will help to protect valuable hardwood forest, prairie, and streams within the Muskingum River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, this land protection project will create an environment for passive recreational activities (walking, hiking, photography, etc.) and nature education for learners of all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF CARROLLTON, CARROLL COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO that:

- 1) Council supports Western Reserve Land Conservancy's efforts to secure funding from the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for the acquisition and permanent protection of the Kensington Forest Preserve property.
- 2) This resolution is declared an emergency measure necessary to the immediate preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Carrollton to ensure expedited approval of the support for the Conservancy's efforts within the time deadlines to apply for Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation funding, and shall become effective at the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed the 28th day of July, 2025.

Attest:

/s/ Darla Tipton
Darla Tipton, Clerk-Treasurer

/s/ William J. Stoneman
William J. Stoneman, Mayor

Approved as to Form by: Clark E. Battista, Village Solicitor

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