

THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 08-87

INTRODUCED BY: Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, McKee,
Antoskiewicz, Kasaris, Mayor Stefanik

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CHIPPEWA CREEK WATERSHED BALANCED GROWTH PLAN

- WHEREAS: The State of Ohio, through the Ohio Lake Erie Commission's Balanced Growth Program, has identified the need to enhance protection of the State's waters and Lake Erie by supporting local governments to improve planning for development and conservation; and
- WHEREAS: Chippewa Creek is an important part of the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie ecosystem, providing storm water management, and important downstream recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat, including the Cleveland Metropark's Brecksville Reservation and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park; and
- WHEREAS: The Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization developed the Chippewa Creek Watershed Balanced Growth Plan that identifies priority areas for conservation and development through local government participation in the Chippewa Creek watershed communities; and
- WHEREAS: The Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization is directly seeking endorsement of this Balance Growth Plan by the Ohio Lake Erie Commission in order to permit the local governments in the watershed to seek the benefits and incentives provided by this endorsement; and
- WHEREAS: The Priority Development Areas and the Priority Conservation Areas identified in the Chippewa Creek Watershed Balanced Growth Plan are to be used by State of Ohio Agencies to guide State activities and programs affecting these areas and they will serve as the basis for special incentives programs to be directed to the Chippewa watershed communities; and
- WHEREAS: The designation of such areas will assist the City of North Royalton to minimize future flooding, erosion, and water quality problems, threats to infrastructure, and reliance on costly engineered solutions to stormwater problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The City of North Royalton supports the Chippewa Creek Watershed Balanced Growth Plan and the Priority Development Areas, Priority Conservation Areas identified therein, and hereby adopts the Plan.

Section 2. The Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization is directed to seek endorsement of this Balanced Growth Watershed plan by the Ohio Lake Erie Commission in order to permit the local governments in the watershed to seek the benefits and incentives provided by this endorsement.

Section 3. The Priority Development Areas and Priority Conservation Areas identified in the Balanced Growth Watershed Plan are to be used by State of Ohio Agencies to guide state activities and programs and they will serve as the basis for special incentives programs to be directed to the Chippewa Creek watershed and the governmental jurisdictions within it.

Section 4. The City of North Royalton will consider changes to city regulations and policies necessary to implement Priority Conservation Areas and Priority Development Areas and to act on the findings of additional natural resource and land use data, all to the maximum extent possible.

Section 5. The City of North Royalton will support and work collaboratively with the Chippewa Creek Watershed Partnership and the Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization.

Section 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

THEREFORE, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of a majority of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Vincent A. Gentile
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Robert A. Stefanik
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: May 20, 2008

DATE APPROVED: May 21, 2008

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended
Second reading suspended
Third reading May 20, 2008

YEAS: Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey,
McKee, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris

NAYS: none