RESOLUTION NO. 09-72

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

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CLEVELAND METROPARKS APPLICATION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL (NRAC) TO ACQUIRE ± 82 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE IN NORTH ROYALTON ALONG THE EAST BRANCH OF THE ROCKY RIVER

WHEREAS: Cleveland Metroparks, a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, established under Ohio Revised Code Section 1545 has worked extensively to protect the natural resources of North Royalton through the establishment of Mill Stream Run Reservation and the Brecksville Reservation which are within the boundaries of the City of North Royalton; and

WHEREAS: The City of North Royalton and the Metroparks through discussions with the Mayor and his administration have identified certain undeveloped properties in North Royalton. These tracts of land have recently been the target of development. These tracts are within a flood plain and are in environmentally sensitive areas; and

WHEREAS: Cleveland Metroparks and the City of North Royalton recognize the preservation of this land is critical to the long-term sustainability of the natural resources, wildlife habitat, and water quality of the East Branch of the Rocky River; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and the North Royalton City Council believe that the collaboration with our regional partners is necessary and a productive use of tax payer funds; and

WHEREAS: Cleveland Metroparks will submit the "East Branch of the Rocky River Preservation" application to the Clean Ohio Conservation Program Fund through District 1 of the Natural Resources Assistance Council, as administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission, for funding support to acquire the ± 82 acres of open space. As part of the application the City wishes to indicate its participation and full support of the application by forwarding this Resolution.

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 Mayor and the North Royalton City Council find that it is in the best interest of the city and its residents to support the acquisition of ± 82 acres of open space in North Royalton as part of the Cleveland Metroparks system and to support Cleveland Metroparks grant application to acquire and manage the East Branch of the Rocky River Preservation acquisitions.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution 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, 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: July 21, 2009
DATE APPROVED: July 22, 2009

First reading suspended
Second reading suspended
Third reading July 21, 2009

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller
Director of Legislative Services

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

NAYS: none