

VILLAGE COUNCIL OF GREENWICH, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO.: 2025-R-44

AUTHORIZATION

Ohio Department of Transportation
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM
(TAP)

NEW LONDON GREENWICH RAIL TRAIL
(NLGRT)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) FUNDED THROUGH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR A MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL TRAIL IN PARTNERSHIP AND SPONSORSHIP OF THE NEW LONDON GREENWICH RAIL TRAIL (NLGRT) AC&Y TRAIL PHASE 3 PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Village of Greenwich has maintained a relationship with the New London Greenwich Rail Trail, Inc (NLGRT) for many years and to the benefit of the residents of the village of Greenwich; and

WHEREAS, the New London-Greenwich Rail Trail, Inc. (NLGRT) and Western Reserve Land Conservancy have partnered to preserve 51 acres along the Wheeling and Lake Erie right of way between the villages of New London and Greenwich, Ohio. In May 2019, NLGRT purchased the 7-mile corridor; and

WHEREAS, the NLGRT is a multiuse recreational trail, providing exercise and nature access for bicyclists, walkers, runners, skiers and equestrians; and

WHEREAS, the NLGRT has embarked on a long-term three-phase completion project, which will provide better drainage and a finished, fine aggregate surface. The project began at the trail's ends and will continue toward the middle. Completion of Phase 1 was expected in summer (2024). Phase 2 is expected to be finished by September 2026. NLGRT intends to apply for a grant for Phase 3. (See <https://newlondongreenwichrailtrail.org/about>)

WHEREAS, the NLGRT President advises that the AC&Y Trail Phase 3 Project includes surface and drainage improvements, including Vermilion Reiver bridge repair, trail construction and surfacing between TL Road 187 and Old US 250; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) provides funding for projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; and safe routes to school projects. (See <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/local-funding-opportunities/resources/transportation-alternatives-program>)

WHEREAS ODOT's TAP funds are for those projects sponsored by local governments; and

WHEREAS, because aspects of the Project are within the Village of Greenwich, NLGRT desires to be sponsored by the Village of Greenwich to make application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds for the AC&Y Trail, Phase 3; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Greenwich previously authorized sponsorship of an NLGRT TAP Grant Application in Res No.: 2023-R-04, passed and adopted on the 17th day of January 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE VILLAGE OF GREENWICH, STATE OF OHIO: (*ORC 731.18*)

SECTION 1. In partnership and sponsorship of NLGRT, the Village Administrator is hereby authorized and

directed to submit an Ohio Department of Transportation, TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) Grant application for the benefit of the AC&Y Trail Phase 3 Project.

SECTION 2. That the Village Administrator is directed to coordinate efforts with representatives of the NLGRT, Inc to assure that the Application is submitted prior to the Application deadline.

SECTION 3. DISPENSE WITH THREE READINGS. That the legislative authority, upon a vote of at least three-fourths of its members, hereby dispenses with the rule requiring each ordinance or resolution shall be read on three different days. [ORC 705.15 and 731.17(A)(2)]

SECTION 4. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR IMMEDIATE EFFECT. That by two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the legislative authority, this Ordinance/Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure pursuant to ORC 731.30, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety of the municipal corporation and shall go into immediate effect for the following reason(s):

***NLGRT President advises that the application deadline is the end of November 2025.
ODOT requires that Applications MUST be submitted on or before Sunday, November 30. 2025.***

SECTION 5. PUBLIC MEETING. That it is found and determined that all formal action of this public body concerning or relating to the passage of this Resolution/Ordinance were adopted in a public meeting open to the public at all times, and that all deliberations of the public body and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in public meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including all lawful ordinances and any applicable provisions of section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

WHEREFORE, this legislation shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTESTATION

(RC 731.20)

We hereby attest and affirm that the foregoing legislation received the necessary affirmative roll call votes required for passage by ORC 731.17.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

LEGISLATION READINGS

ORC 731.17(A)

- (1) Each ordinance and resolution shall be read by title only, provided the legislative authority may require any reading to be in full by a majority vote of its members.
(2) Each ordinance or resolution shall be read on three different days, provided the legislative authority may dispense with this rule by a vote of at least three-fourths of its members.

First Reading: _____ Second Reading: _____ Third Reading: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE

ORC 731.17(A)(3)

The vote on the passage was taken by yeas and nays and entered upon the journal. Each ordinance or resolution shall be passed, except as otherwise provided by law, by a vote of at least a majority of all the members of the legislative authority. Yeas, nays, abstentions, excused or absent votes were recorded as follows:

Mike King

Randy Wilson

Lynne Phillips

Jason Hunter

Regina Lueck

Dorene Beverly

PREPARED BY AND APPROVED AS TO FORM [See also ORC 731.21(B)]:

VILLAGE SOLICITOR, Steve Palmer

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

ORC 731.21 and 731.22

Pursuant to ORC 731.21(A)(3), I hereby certify that a succinct summary of the above legislation was/will be published using the following method: **ON THE WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**
The succinct summary was reviewed by the village solicitor as required by ORC 731.21(B). Publication was/will be made at least once a week for two consecutive weeks as required by ORC 731.22.

FISCAL OFFICER