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RESOLUTION NO. 25-2025

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND FISCAL OFFICER TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING
THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio NatureWorks grant program and

WHEREAS, the Village, if successful in its grant application, will abide by all required policies; and

WHEREAS, it is accordingly the desire of this Council to authorize the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to make application for said funding, and to authorize the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to accept the funding if awarded and to execute a contract for the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the Village of Perry, County of Lake, State of Ohio,

Section 1. That the Village Council approves filing this application for financial assistance.

That the Fiscal Officer and Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

That the Village of Perry does agree to obligate the funds required **to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program.**

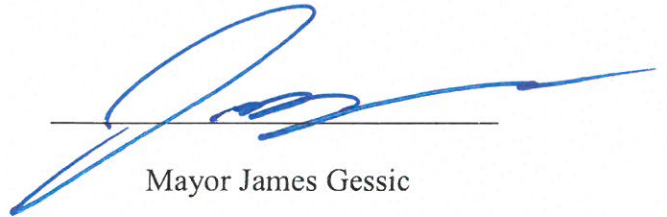
Section 2. That this Council does further authorize the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to accept any funding that they may be awarded by and through the ODNR NatureWorks Grant application.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were taken in open meetings of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council were in meetings open to the public and in full compliance with all legal requirements, including without limitation, those set forth in 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the efficient administration of Village affairs, and for the immediate

preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and upon its passage by the members of Council and approval of the Mayor, shall go into effect at the earliest period allowable by law.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED this 8th day of May, 2025



Mayor James Gessic

ADOPTED: May 8, 2025

ATTEST: John H. Roskos
John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer

FIRST READING 4/10/25
SECOND READING Rules Suspended
THIRD READING _____

REQUIRED CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER (FISCAL OFFICER)

I, the undersigned, John H. Roskos, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution 25-2025 adopted by the Village of Perry Council at a Regular Meeting held on the 8th day in the month of May, 2025, and that I am a duly authorized to execute this certificate.

John H. Roskos
(original signature)

John H. Roskos
Fiscal Officer

NATUREWORKS 31st ROUND APPLICATION



**All applications must be postmarked by JUNE 2, 2025.
There are no exceptions.**

NatureWorks is a State funded grant program that provides up to **75 percent of project cost** assistance to Ohio municipalities, counties, townships, joint recreation districts, park districts and conservancy districts for acquisition or development of public outdoor recreation areas. All grant payments are made on a **reimbursement** basis; **project sponsors must have adequate funds to finance the grant project prior to receiving reimbursement.**

- ✦ The NatureWorks application *postmark* deadline is June 2, 2025.
- ✦ The proposed project scope must be either development **or** acquisition, not both.
- ✦ **Only one** park per application please.
- ✦ County funding allocations for NatureWorks Round 31 are listed on page 35. You may apply for any amount up to the maximum amount for your county (county location of proposed project). **If your County allocation is greater than \$150,000 the maximum amount granted will be capped at \$150,000.**
- ✦ NatureWorks recommendation announcements are planned for November 2025. Various factors can cause delays. Please check the ODNR website <https://ohiodnr.gov/natureworks> for updates.
- ✦ Mail one paper copy of your application to ODNR by June 2, 2025 (postmark deadline). We recommend applications be mailed with a return/tracking receipt. **Do not** submit applications in metal ring binders. Please keep a copy of your completed application for your records.

Send your application to:

NatureWorks
Office of Real Estate
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
2045 Morse Rd., E-2
Columbus, Ohio 43229

- ✦ If you would like to receive this application in Microsoft WORD, send a blank email to dolores.burlison@dnr.ohio.gov, and enter 'NatureWorks WORD' in the email subject line.
- ✦ If you have questions about the application or would like to discuss your project proposal, please call or email Tim Robinson, Recreation Services Administrator @ 614-265-6528, timothy.robinson@dnr.ohio.gov

The Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Fund (State Issue #1) was passed by voters on November 3, 1993. Additional legislations authorized the creation of the NatureWorks program. Issue 1 "AUTHORIZED THE STATE OF OHIO TO ISSUE BONDS, WHICH WILL BE RETIRED FROM GENERAL STATE REVENUES, TO FINANCE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS AND TO PRESERVE OHIO'S NATURAL AREAS AND HABITATS..." and ... "PERMITS THE STATE TO MAKE GRANTS AND ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS RELATED TO NATURAL RESOURCES. . . "

Ohio Revised Code reference: 1557.06 <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/1557.06>

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is the designated state agency directly responsible for program administration and coordination. ODNR policies pertaining to the submission of local applications are subject to periodic review and change as prevailing conditions or situations may warrant.

* Copy of full application available on request;
with attachments is over 100 pages