

**SUBJECT:** A report and recommendation on authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of the sum of up to \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the Park Board's Permanent Improvement Fund 752 for the purchase of property that is contiguous to the California Woods Nature Center.

**BACKGROUND:**

Property adjacent to the California Woods Nature Center is available for the purchase price of \$275,000. The property is triangular in shape and is 3.97 acres. It is bounded by Kellogg Avenue and the ramp from Kellogg to Salem Road. Private funders, including neighbors, have raised \$91,000 in earnest money to purchase the property, and the Board of Park Commissioners would like to use up to \$200,000 to contribute \$184,000 towards the purchase price of the property and to pay up to \$16,000 towards property improvements, including demolition of two small structures, the addition of naturalized landscape, and a trailhead that will provide access to California Woods trails. This property can also serve as a rest stop and a trailhead for the Ohio River Bike Trail, which is planned to pass by the site.

The property is zoned Riverfront Recreation and Residential (RF-R) which permits parks and recreation facilities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Department of Community Development and Planning staff recommend that City Planning Commission take the following action:

AUTHORIZE the appropriation and expenditure of the sum of up to \$200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the Park Board's Permanent Improvement Fund 752 for the purchase of property that is contiguous to the California Woods Nature Center.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

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