

**RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2017**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION FOR CLEAN OHIO  
FUNDING FOR THE BAY POINT PRESERVATION PROJECT BEING  
SUBMITTED BY WESTERN RESERVE LAND CONSERVANCY  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Public Works Commission, administers financial assistance for conservation purposes through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Western Reserve Land Conservancy desires financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Program to preserve the 65-acre Bay Point property located in the Village of Marblehead in Danbury Township, Ottawa County, Ohio with a perpetual conservation easement; and

**WHEREAS**, preservation of the Property with a perpetual conservation easement will safeguard Bay Point's 34.1 acres of high quality wetlands and unaltered coastal ecosystem, which provide habitat for a diversity of native species—including several species of federal and state significance—and important migratory bird stopover habitat on the southern shore of Lake Erie; and

**WHEREAS**, the encumbrance of Bay Point with a conservation easement will likewise help to protect the wetlands of Lake Erie's Sandusky Bay (immediately to the west of Bay Point), which will continue to benefit not only from the peninsula's strategic location, but also from the absence of development and the associated lack of non-point source pollution an easement will ensure.

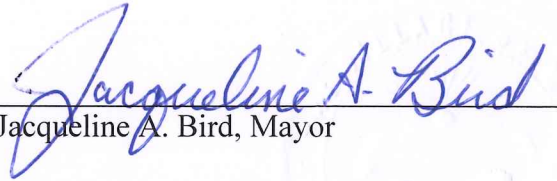
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD, OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO:**

1. That the Council Members support Western Reserve Land Conservancy's efforts to secure a grant from the Clean Ohio Program for the Bay Point Preservation Project.
2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Village of Marblehead concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were passed in an open meeting of the Village of Marblehead, and that all deliberations of this Village 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 including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

3. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency for the immediate preservation of the public's peace, health, safety, and welfare, and for the further reason that this Resolution needs to go into to immediate effect in order to allow time for Western Reserve Land Conservancy to apply for the grant.

**WHEREFORE**, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

Approved: Sept. 13, 2017

  
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Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Rhonda Botti Sowers, Fiscal Officer

Adopted: Sept. 13, 2017