

By: John Rohyans

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Auditor to file grant applications with the Ohio Bicentennial Legacy Tree Planting Initiative Urban Forestry Grant Program for the purpose of acquiring funds for the purchase and planting of trees to replenish Bexley's urban forest, and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the quality of urban life is enhanced by the proper management of the urban forest resource; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bexley recognizes the importance of providing tree and shrub related benefits to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bexley is committed to an urban forestry program as evidenced by its more than 7,000 trees in a 2.5 square mile area and its 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year as a Tree City USA; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Bexley's urban forest consists of mature trees which should be supplemented with new plantings to insure trees for the future. **NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:**

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Bexley hereby endorses and supports an active urban forestry program.

Section 2. That the Mayor and Auditor are authorized to file grant applications with the Ohio Bicentennial Legacy Tree Planting Initiative Urban Forestry Grant Program for the purpose of acquiring funds for the purchase and planting of trees to replenish Bexley's urban forest; and if awarded, enter into agreement with the Department to administer a grant to implement said program.

Section 3. That the City of Bexley hereby requests the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, to consider and fund its application project.

Section 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and related to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting and that all deliberations of this Council and of 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.

Section 5. That this Resolution is an emergency Resolution necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, said emergency being the need to proceed with grant applicants to meet specific deadlines, and shall go into effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: 5-1, 2001

Don H. Pallen  
President of Council

Attest: Richard A. Levin  
Clerk of Council

Approved: 5/1, 2001

David H. Madison  
David H. Madison, Mayor

4/10/01 First reading  
4/24/01 Second reading  
5/01/01 Third reading. Levin