

ORDINANCE NO. 92-04

By: Ms. MacMurray

An Ordinance to appropriate \$1,000.00 from the unencumbered General Fund for the purpose of becoming a "Watershed Protection Partner" with the Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries (FACT).

Whereas, FACT has active programs to preserve and protect the Alum Creek corridor and its watershed by reducing urban runoff pollution, sponsoring creek cleanups and the development of Watershed Action Plan; and,

Whereas, the Alum Creek corridor is an important natural feature in the Bexley community providing scenic and recreational opportunities. **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BY IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Section 1. That the amount of \$1,000.00 should be and hereby is appropriated from the unencumbered General Fund for the purpose of becoming a Watershed Protection Partner with the Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries (FACT).

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: 12.21, 2004

John B. Polz
President of Council

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk of Council

Approved: 12/21, 2004

[Signature]
David H. Madison

11.23.04 First Reading
12.14.04 Second Reading
12.21.04 Third Reading
Passed.



Doherty

Friends of Alum Creek & Tributaries
Preserving Our Creek, For Our Future, Nature's Benefit and Society

November 16, 2004

Dear Mayor Madison:

Thank you for taking time to meet with Margaret Ann Samuels and myself last week regarding the Friends of Alum Creek & Tributaries (FACT). As we discussed during the meeting, FACT believes that our programs will continue to benefit the Bexley community through improving the health, aesthetic value, and recreational value of Alum Creek. Although the City of Bexley has been a member of FACT for several years, we've asked you to consider increasing the city's contribution to the \$1,000 "Watershed Protection Partner" level.

Programs planned in the Bexley area include education to reduce urban runoff pollution, creek cleanups, protecting a natural buffer along Alum Creek upstream of Bexley (which reduces downstream pollution and flood potential), and researching possible removal of dangerous small dams. FACT has worked with City of Bexley staff and residents to produce an Alum Creek Watershed Action Plan, which includes these projects and many others to preserve and protect Alum Creek. This plan may be especially beneficial to the portion of Alum Creek that runs through Bexley, which has been studied by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and found to be in very poor condition.

Partially due to these circumstances, FACT is anticipating grant funding from the Ohio EPA to implement many action plan projects, but local support from residents, businesses, and municipalities is also essential. It provides matching funds for state grants, helps FACT meet basic expenses that grants generally do not cover, and shows that local communities support preserving and protecting Alum Creek.

This is the first year that FACT has been successful gaining membership contributions at the "Watershed Protection Partner" level, which will be recognized in FACT publications. FACT will also provide a certificate that may be displayed in city offices, publications to keep staff connected with news of the watershed, and invitations to special events.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me at (614) 409-0511 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Heather Doherty

Heather Doherty
FACT Watershed Coordinator

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