

RESOLUTION NO. 008-2021

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO FOR THE FLOOD MITIGATION EFFORTS WITHIN THE FINDLAY HANCOCK COUNTY, OHIO COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, Findlay, Ohio along with numerous other communities in the region have experienced major flood events including such events as March 25, 1913, August 22, 2007, and most recently July 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, flood events cause significant disruption to the community including to the safety of citizens, impact to property, disruption of business, and mental and emotional anguish; and

WHEREAS, flood events are extremely costly with a tens of millions dollars in property damage, City resources for rescue and cleanup, thousands of volunteer hours, and untold emotional impacts; and

WHEREAS, there are over 5,000 parcels in Hancock County, over 3,000 of which are in the City of Findlay, that are currently within the FEMA regulatory 100 year floodplain; and

WHEREAS, on average, residential property flood insurance costs \$3,000 annually and commercial insurance even more; and

WHEREAS, it is a community goal to decrease the water elevation in Downtown Findlay by approximately 3 feet during a 100 year storm event which is of even greater benefit during smaller storms and provides widespread community flood benefit; and

WHEREAS, the phase one benching which was completed in 2020 is estimated to provide 0.7 feet of benefit during a 100 year storm event, the Norfolk Southern Railroad bridge replacement is estimated to provide 0.5 feet of benefit, the phase two benching is estimated to provide 0.5 feet of benefit upstream of MLK Parkway, and the Eagle Creek Dry Storage Basin is estimated to provide 1.5 feet of benefit; and

WHEREAS, flood mitigation efforts are essential to the longevity of our community; and

WHEREAS, with these flood mitigation efforts an estimated 2,000 parcels throughout Hancock County are expected to be removed from the flood plain; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Findlay, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That Findlay City Council is in full support of the current and future flood mitigation efforts including benching, basin work, property acquisition, transportation improvements, and request that the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District and Maumee Watershed Conservancy Court take the necessary steps to amend the official watershed plan to include such efforts for the future of our community and region.


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MAYOR

PASSED March 16, 2021

ATTEST Dominic DeVore
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED March 16, 2021