

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 24-124**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR THE 2024
NATURE WORKS GRANT IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUBMISSION FOR THE
NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS.**

WHEREAS: The State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio Nature Works grant program; and

WHEREAS: The Fairfield Township Board of Trustees desires financial assistance, in the amount of \$84,034.00 under the NatureWorks Grant Program,

WHEREAS: The Fairfield Township Board of Trustees agrees to match \$35,465.00 towards the project if awarded the funds and will obligate \$119,600.00 before submitting the application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, as follows;

SECTION 1: That the Fairfield Township Board of Trustees approves filing this application for financial assistance for the 2024 Nature Works Grant in conjunction with submission for new pickleball courts no later than August 15, 2024, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2: The Assistant Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

SECTION 3: That the Fairfield Township Board of Trustees does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program.

SECTION 4: The Board hereby dispenses with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, pursuant to RC 504.10, and authorizes the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.

SECTION 5: This resolution is the subject of the general authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the Ohio Revised Code and not the specific authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the status as a Limited Home Rule Township.


SECTION 6: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 7: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: August 13, 2024

Board of Trustees

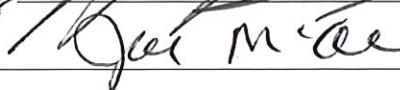
Shannon Hartkemeyer:



Michael Berding:



Joe McAbee:



Vote of Trustees

Yes

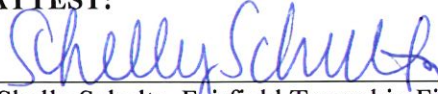
Yes

Yes

AUTHENTICATION

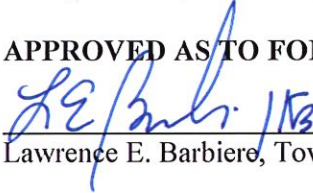
This is to certify that this is a resolution which was duly passed and filed with the Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer this 13th day of August, 2024.

ATTEST:



Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lawrence E. Barbieri, Township Assistant Law Director

NATUREWORKS 30th ROUND APPLICATION



**All applications must be postmarked by August 15, 2024.
There are no exceptions.**

NatureWorks is a State funded grant program that provides up to **75 percent of project cost** assistance to Ohio municipalities, counties, townships, joint recreation districts, park districts and conservancy districts for acquisition or development of public outdoor recreation areas. All grant payments are made on a **reimbursement** basis; **project sponsors must have adequate funds to finance the grant project prior to receiving reimbursement.**

- ✘ The NatureWorks application *postmark* deadline is **August 15, 2024**.
- ✘ The proposed project scope must be either development or acquisition, not both.
- ✘ **Only one park** per application please.
- ✘ County funding allocations for NatureWorks Round 30 are listed on page 35. You may apply for any amount up to the maximum amount for your county (county location of proposed project). **If your County allocation is greater than \$150,000 the maximum amount granted will be capped at \$150,000.**
- ✘ NatureWorks recommendation announcements are planned for November 2024. Various factors can cause delays. Please check the ODNR website <https://ohiodnr.gov/natureworks> for updates.
- ✘ Mail one paper copy of your application to ODNR by August 15, 2024 (postmark deadline). We recommend applications be mailed with a return/tracking receipt. **Do not** submit applications in metal ring binders. Please keep a copy of your completed application for your records.

Send your application to: NatureWorks
Office of Real Estate
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
2045 Morse Rd., E-2
Columbus, Ohio 43229

- ✘ If you would like to receive this application in Microsoft WORD, send a blank email to dolores.burlison@dnr.ohio.gov, and enter 'NatureWorks WORD' in the email subject line.
- ✘ If you have questions about the application or would like to discuss your project proposal, please call or email Tim Robinson, Recreation Services Administrator @ 614-265-6528, timothy.robinson@dnr.ohio.gov

The Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Fund (State Issue #1) was passed by voters on November 3, 1993. Additional legislations authorized the creation of the NatureWorks program. Issue 1 "AUTHORIZED THE STATE OF OHIO TO ISSUE BONDS, WHICH WILL BE RETIRED FROM GENERAL STATE REVENUES, TO FINANCE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS AND TO PRESERVE OHIO'S NATURAL AREAS AND HABITATS..." and ... "PERMITS THE STATE TO MAKE GRANTS AND ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS RELATED TO NATURAL RESOURCES. . . "

Ohio Revised Code reference: 1557.06 <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/1557.06>

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is the designated state agency directly responsible for program administration and coordination. ODNR policies pertaining to the submission of local applications are subject to periodic review and change as prevailing conditions or situations may warrant.

Eligibility

Under the NatureWorks program only political subdivisions (municipalities, townships, counties, joint recreation districts, park districts, conservancy districts, etc.) are eligible to apply. Such local government entities may apply for NatureWorks grants individually or jointly. Development project sites must be owned by the applicant (or leased via non-revocable lease through 2040). Applicants must be able to finance the project prior to reimbursement and continue to maintain it as a public recreation facility.

Accessibility

When planning a development project, the applicant must review the latest accessibility guidelines under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Architectural Barriers Act (ABA). All grant assisted development must adhere to these guidelines. The guidelines can be accessed at: <http://www.access-board.gov/>

Matching Funds

A minimum 25% match is required for all projects. Other federal and state funding programs may be used as a small portion of the NatureWorks project sponsor's match. However, per ORC 1557.06, **at least twenty percent (20%) of total project costs must come from non-state and non-federal sources.**

Other Ways to Provide Match

In-kind project labor (labor by employees of the awarded political subdivision) may be credited toward project match. The value of such labor may be the employee's current pay rate, *if* the grant labor is part of his or her usual job description. For example, the city's staff electrician does electrical work on the city's lighted ball field grant project. Documentation of pay rate is required. However, if the labor provided is not part of the individual's usual job description, the hourly rate will be valued at \$27.00 per hour. Fringe rates, overtime pay, administrative labor, including time spent administering the NatureWorks grant, is NOT allowed.

Donated materials, equipment time, labor and new land can all be used as match. Donations must be directly related to the application's project scope.

- ☒ All materials must be new (not used). Receipts or documented evidence of value must be provided. Items such as gravel, mulch, concrete, lumber, playground equipment, drinking fountains, etc. are eligible for donation credit. Materials from the applicant's pre-existing inventory and items like hand tools and consumable supplies are not eligible. **Values must be reasonable and current and are always subject to ODNR approval.**
- ☒ Equipment owned, rented by or loaned to the project sponsor for use on the project may be valued on an hourly, daily, or mileage rate, as appropriate. This is figured in one of the following ways.
 - If equipment is on the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) equipment rates list: <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/working/publications/equipment-rates> the ODOT rate will be utilized. Equipment listed on the ODOT rates list is usually eligible.
 - If equipment is not on the ODOT standard rates list, a well-documented local fair market rental value may be used.
 - If equipment time is donated by an equipment rental business, documentation of standard rental rates on business letterhead is required.
 - For other equipment time, a written quote from a local equipment rental business will be required. If a rental rate quote cannot be obtained, the equipment will not be eligible for donation or in-kind credit.

Value and eligibility of equipment hours/miles are always subject to ODNR approval.

NatureWorks APPLICATION

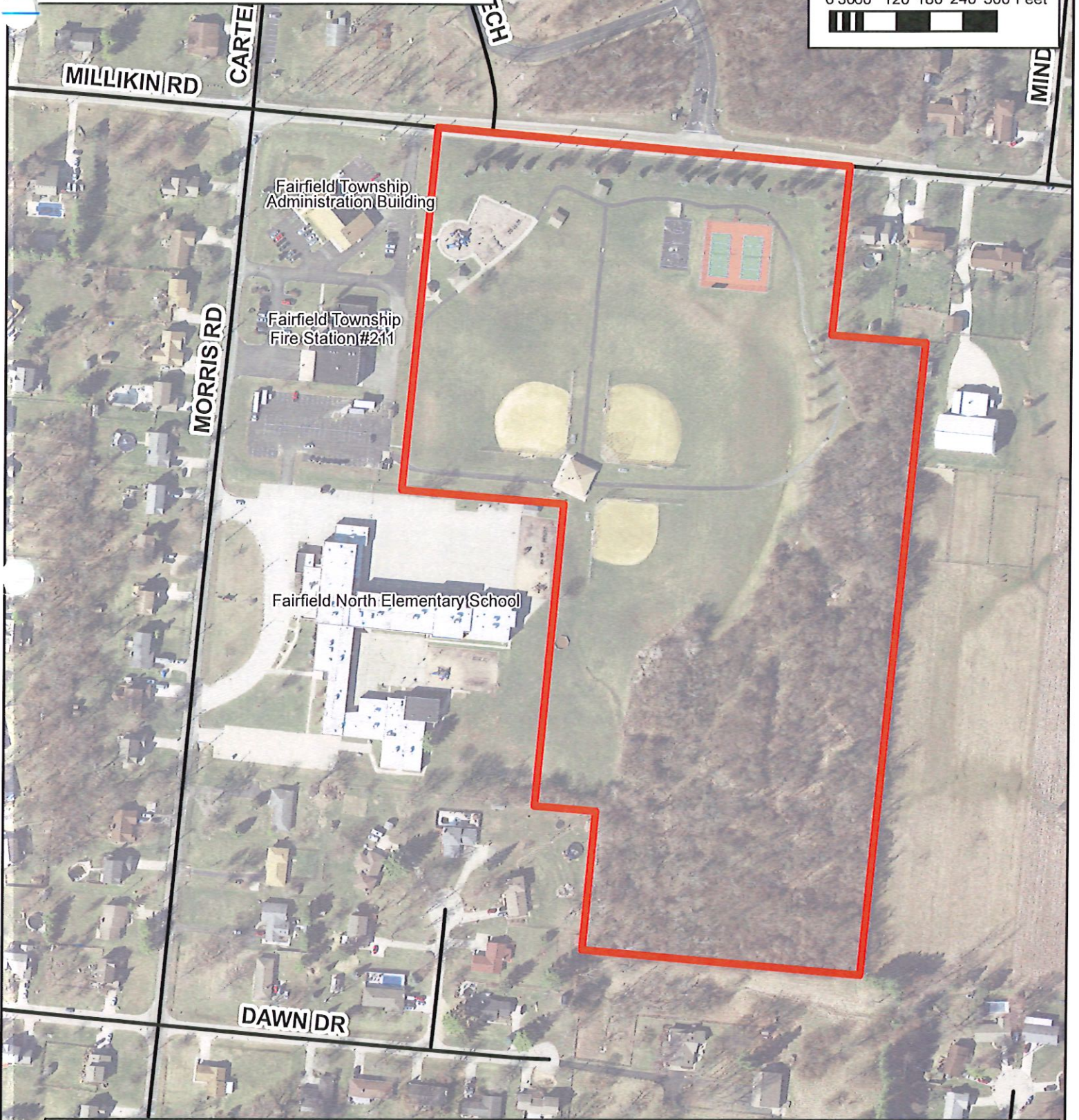
FORM No. 1: BASIC PROJECT INFORMATION

APPLICANT AGENCY FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
APPLICANT AGENCY ADDRESS 6032 MORRIS ROAD HAMILTON, OH 45011
PHONE NUMBER OF APPLICANT AGENCY (513) 887-4400
TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 31-6000572
COUNTY LOCATION OF PROJECT BUTLER COUNTY
NAME of LOCAL PROJECT COORDINATOR (must be employed by or member of applicant agency) Chuck Goins, Assistant Administrator
PHONE NUMBER OF LOCAL PROJECT COORDINATOR (513) 785-2266
E-MAIL ADDRESS OF LOCAL COORDINATOR (Will be used for correspondence, including contracts for awarded projects.) cgoins@fairfieldtwp.org
GRANT PROJECT TITLE (50 characters maximum) Heroes Park – Pickleball Courts
GRANT PROJECT LOCATION (example: Smithville Park) Heroes Park
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED GRANT PROJECT (The grant application contains other opportunities to describe the project in detail; please limit your response here to 50 character max.) Update and convert the existing two tennis courts into One tennis court and four pickleball courts.
TOTAL ACREAGE OF GRANT PROJECT AREA (the entire park where project will be located): 22.8 acres
ACREAGE TO BE ACQUIRED (if applicable) N/A
NatureWorks ASSISTANCE REQUESTED, IN DOLLARS, NO CENTS (Please see county allocations on pg. 35. You may request all funds available for the county in which the project is located. For example: If the project is in Allen Co. you may request up to maximum allocation for Allen Co.). \$84,035
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS (total cost for entire project – grant request plus local match): \$119,600.00
SOURCE(S) OF MATCHING FUNDS, INCLUDING OTHER GRANTS & PLEDGED DONATIONS AND/OR MATERIALS. Fairfield Township Board of Trustees
OHIO SENATE DISTRICT: 4
OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT: 47
GPS COORDINATES AT PROJECT PARK ENTRANCE: (example: N40°3.228, W082°34.855) 39°24'19.0"N 84°29'35.5"W

Boundary Map
Political Subdivision: Fairfield Township
Project Title: Heroes Park: Pickleball Courts
Project Sponsor: Fairfield Township



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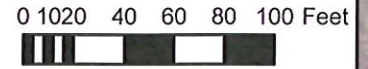
As an official designee of the sponsor, I certify that the sponsor understands that the property identified on this Boundary Map cannot be converted from public outdoor recreation during the COMPLIANCE period without the written approval of the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Local Coordinator – Printed Name

Local Coordinator - Original Signature

Date

Proposed Plan for Site
Political Subdivision: Fairfield Township
Project Title: Heroes Park: Pickleball Courts
Project Sponsor: Fairfield Township



Playground (Existing)
(Completed in 2021)

Basketball Court
(Existing)

Tennis Court and Pickleball Courts
(GRANT PROJECT AREA)

FUTURE
STAGE/AMPITHEATER

Paved Walking Path
(Existing)

Baseball Fields
(Existing)

Concession Building
(Existing)

