



**Resolution No. 36
Fernald Preserve Natural Resource Trustees**

Re: Approval of funding to support fee simple purchase of the Lydia Miller property by Great Parks of Hamilton County through the Clean Ohio Conservation Greenspace program.

WHEREAS, the Fernald Preserve Trustee Council was established pursuant to the July 2001 Memorandum of Understanding entered into by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA"), the United States Department of Energy ("DOE"), and the United States Department of the Interior ("DOI") (collectively, the "Trustees");

WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Damage Consent Decree for the Fernald Preserve, dated November 11, 2008, required DOE to deposit \$13,750,000 into an interest-bearing escrow account in the Registry of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio ("Escrow Account"), and on February 17, 2009, the United States on behalf of DOE deposited \$13,750,000 into the Escrow Account;

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2010, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio ordered the transfer of \$13,781,225.18 from the Escrow Account to the Treasurer, State of Ohio, to be deposited into the Natural Resource Damages Fund, for the Fernald Preserve;

WHEREAS, the Consent Decree, Paragraph 4.6, provides that any transferred funds shall be applied toward the costs of restoration, replacement, or acquisition of the equivalent of injured Natural Resources at and in the vicinity of the Fernald Preserve, as set forth in the Natural Resource Restoration Plan ("NRRP");

WHEREAS, the Consent Decree, Paragraph 4.7, provides that the Trustees shall expend the funds to implement the plan developed pursuant to Section 1.5 of the NRRP;

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2009, the Trustees published a draft Natural Resource Funds Use Plan ("draft NRFUP") for the Fernald site and accepted comments on the draft NRFUP until August 8, 2009. The Trustees also

convened a public availability session on July 8, 2009 at the Fernald Preserve to discuss the draft NRFUP and accept comments and suggestions from the public. On February 23, 2010, the Trustees issued the final Natural Resource Funds Use Plan (“NRFUP”);

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2010, the Trustees approved Trustee Resolution #7 authorizing Ohio EPA to enter into a contract with Three Valley Conservation Trust to identify, acquire and/or preserve restoration pilot project properties approved by the Trustees within the Paddys Run Conservation Project;

WHEREAS, the Trustees approved Trustee Resolutions #16 (April 2012), 19 (July 2012), 21 (September 2012) and 23 (May 2013) confirming that Ohio EPA should enter into a grant agreement with Three Valley Conservation Trust to acquire easements on approved properties;

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2013, the Trustees approved Trustee Resolution #24 confirming that Ohio EPA should authorize Three Valley Conservation Trust to conduct appraisals of certain properties, including those properties identified herein.

WHEREAS, the Trustees approved Trustee Resolutions #30 (June 2014) and #33 (March 2015) expanding the eligible area of the Paddys Run Conservation Project previously approved in Trustee Resolution #9;

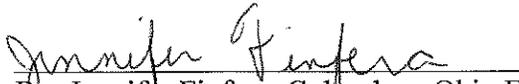
WHEREAS, the Trustee Council, by unanimous consent, agrees that Ohio EPA and its contractor Three Valley Conservation Trust may expand the agreement approved in Resolution #16 and may offer and execute fee simple purchase, easement acquisition and restoration, through Great Parks of Hamilton County, of the Lydia Miller property in amount up to but not exceeding \$161,875 (42.07 acres), and may expend up to \$28,000 in demolition costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Council agrees, by unanimous consent, that Ohio EPA and its contractor Three Valley Conservation Trust expand the agreement approved in Resolution #16 and may offer and execute fee simple purchase, easement acquisition and restoration, through Great Parks of Hamilton County, of the Lydia Miller property (42.07 acres) in amount up to but not exceeding \$161,875, and may expend up to \$28,000 in demolition costs.

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DATED this 11 day of a September, 2015

United States Department of the Interior
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service


By: Jennifer Finfera, Columbus, Ohio Field Office

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DATED this 11th day of September, 2015.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas A. Schneider", is written over a horizontal line. A vertical line is positioned to the right of the signature, forming a partial rectangular box.

By: Thomas A Schneider, Fernald Project Manager

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DATED this ____ day of September 2015.

United States Department of Energy

By: Gwen Hooten, Site Manager,
Fernald Preserve, Office of Legacy Management