

Sponsor:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-49

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF WELLSTON'S APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) ABANDONED MINE LAND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION (AMLER) PROGRAM FOR THE WELLSTON LEGACY PARKS AND MINE LAND REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Wellston recognizes the importance of high-quality recreational amenities, accessible public spaces, and community gathering places in promoting economic development, community wellness, tourism, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, historic underground coal mining helped shape the development of the City of Wellston and continues to influence areas throughout the community, including areas associated with the historic Fluhart No. 1 Mine (JKN-071) and the Wellston Coal Company No. 1, 2 & 3 Mine (JKN-076); and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Program provides funding for projects that repurpose abandoned mine lands for economic and community benefit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wellston proposes the Wellston Legacy Parks and Mine Land Revitalization Initiative, which includes improvements to Blamer Park, the 14th Street Basketball Courts, and Kelli Lambert Memorial Park, including recreational, accessibility, infrastructure, and heritage interpretation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will transform and enhance recreational assets located within and adjacent to historic mining areas, expand recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, improve public safety and accessibility, support youth athletics and community wellness, and promote tourism and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wellston has successfully leveraged previous recreational investments to generate increased visitation, community engagement, and economic activity, and seeks to continue these efforts through implementation of the Wellston Legacy Parks and Mine Land Revitalization Initiative.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLSTON, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City of Wellston hereby supports and authorizes submission of an application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Program for funding of the Wellston Legacy Parks and Mine Land Revitalization Initiative.

SECTION 2: The Mayor, Safety-Service Director, Finance Director, and other designated City officials are hereby authorized to execute all documents, certifications, agreements, and contracts necessary to apply for, accept, administer, and implement AMLER funding associated with this project.

SECTION 3: The City Council affirms its commitment to the successful implementation, operation, maintenance, and long-term sustainability of the project and recognizes the project's anticipated benefits to recreation, tourism, economic development, accessibility, and community revitalization.

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 5: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare and for the timely submission of the City's AMLER funding application; therefore, this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 6: In the event this Resolution receives a majority vote for passage but fails to receive the required number of votes to pass as an emergency measure, this Resolution shall be deemed passed and shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

SECTION 7: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and its committees that resulted in such formal actions were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Legislative Authority of the Political Subdivision on this 3rd day of September, 2026.


Rick Hudson, President of Council

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Legislative Authority



Approved this 3rd day of September, 2026.


Anthony Brenner, Mayor