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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council President Schutt and Members of Council
FROM: Diane Wolgamuth, Director of Administration
DATE: May 29, 2026
RE: **Application to 2027 Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant Program for Wetlands Bridge Replacement**

Dear Council President Schutt and Members of Council,

As you may or may not know, the pedestrian bridge that provided an alternate route in the wetlands park had deteriorated to the point that it was no longer structurally sound and was removed by the Service Department late last year. The bridge was installed in 2011 as part of an Eagle Scout project by David Girbino, Councilman Mike Girbino's son, with the help of family, friends and the Service Department.

Councilman Girbino inquired about plans for replacing the bridge and Mayor Bodnar asked Tom Cappello to look into the cost of replacement. Tom recommended purchasing and installing a pre-fab metal bridge, at a cost of approximately \$90,000 to \$100,000.

Meanwhile, I have been looking for any grants that might be available to help fund the project and the County is offering its Supplemental Grant Program with a maximum grant award of \$50,000. Applications are due July 13th and providing legislation in support of the grant is required.

We have been successful with this grant program in the past, securing funds twice in 2017 and 2018 for construction of The Grove band shell and the green room. We think it's worth pursuing this grant again and will ask Council to approve legislation at the June 22nd meeting.

cc: Mayor Brenda T. Bodnar
Department Heads