

SPONSOR Elliot H. Bopp

RESOLUTION 28-23 (Revised)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO PARTNER WITH THE OUTDOOR RECREATION COUNCIL OF APPALACHIA (ORCA) AT NO COST TO THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, certain municipal corporations, counties and/or townships of the State of Ohio (the "Original Council Members") entered into an Agreement establishing the Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia, also referred to herein as "ORCA," (the "Agreement") pursuant to Revised Code Chapter 167, for the purpose of integrating conservation, outdoor recreation, and economic development in a way that strengthens and inspires communities in Southeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, ORCA, is authorized by the USDA, Forest Service Wayne National Forest Athens Ranger District through supplemental agreement to Master Challenge Cost Share Agreement # 20-CS-11091400-014 to develop, construct, and cooperatively manage the Baileys Trail System in an efficient and sustainable manner that reduces the burden on both parties while providing increased benefits to the public, and

WHEREAS, the ORCA has expanded participation to include ORCA Partners as defined in ORCA Bylaws, and

WHEREAS, ORCA intends to expand outdoor recreation opportunities at no cost for Partners as follows:

1. Planning. Inclusion of your county in the ARC POWER Grant, Buckeye Hills Regional Development Council, and Wayne National Forest Supported Multi-County Recreation Asset Assessment and Development Plan. This service is managed by ORCA and led by ORCA procured consultant Scott Linnenburger of Kay-Linn Enterprises. This plan will be a physical and digital document highlighting outdoor recreation and destination development opportunities in ORCA Member and Partner Counties.
2. Support. ARC POWER Grant support to advance collaborative or regional branding/destination development for top priorities identified by your county's Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director or leading tourism professional and compliant with ARC POWER grant regulations. A wide range of branding marketing activities may be possible, funding is limited to ~\$90,000 to share with all ORCA Members and partners.
3. Representation. ORCA will represent and include interested counties as the service area for an ARC ARISE Planning Proposal in partnership with the Pennsylvania Wilds. There is no guarantee this proposal will be selected for implementation. Counties and communities interested in being represented will communicate with ORCA staff, which will then work with the PA Wilds team to analyze feasibility of integrating technology into outdoor recreation to bolster economies in rural areas.

Communities represented will receive copies of the planning grant project's conclusion, which is anticipated to be a technology integration implementation plan for rural Appalachian Pennsylvania and Southeast Ohio.

4. Invitation to the 2024 Ohio Outdoor Recreation Economy Conference and the opportunity to participate in planning.

WHEREAS, this matter constitutes an emergency as there is an August deadline and this partnership shall benefit the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Jackson and its citizens; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO:**

SECTION 1. That the City of Jackson wishes to partner with ORCA. Randy Evans, Mayor, representing the City of Jackson, will serve as ORCA Partner and shall serve on the ORCA Advisory Committee. David Swackhammer, Service-Safety Director, may serve on the ORCA Advisory Committee in the Mayor's absence.

SECTION 2. 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, then this Resolution shall be deemed to have passed but with no emergency clause and shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that the deliberations of this Council that resulted in such formal actions were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.23 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Legislative Authority of the Political Subdivision on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Cindi Kuhn  
Clerk of the Legislative Authority

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

Randy...  
Mayor

