



April 16, 2021

Mayor Daniel Corrigan, City of Akron, Ohio
Members of Akron City Council

Dear Mayor Corrigan and Akron City Council Members:

On behalf of our organization, TASCforce, LLC, and our more than 300 supporters, I am writing to you today to fully endorse and support a recent proposal from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy to purchase the Theiss Woods property for \$410,000. Theiss Woods would then be donated to Summit Metro Parks to be preserved as a park area.

As a partner with Summit Metro Parks to preserve valuable green spaces for the citizens of the County, we are in full support of this proposal. It aligns completely with the guiding principles of our organization:

- Green space and equitable access to it is imperative to sustaining healthy lifestyles.
- Green spaces have an economic benefit to the communities they exist in by boosting property values, adding recreational opportunities and therefore improving wellness, while increasing tourism in the local area.

Our major concern is that the development of this green space would undo the many benefits this land already offers, namely providing wildlife habitat, reducing air pollution, and managing storm water. Every green space that is removed for residential development adds to the burden of dealing with storm water runoff and taxes the infrastructure. It would be damage that cannot be undone.

We thank you for reading this letter and hope you will render a favorable decision to preserve this valuable piece of green space.

Respectfully submitted,

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