

RESOLUTION NO: 7 - 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
TO**

ENGAGE HITCHCOCK DESIGN GROUP FOR RIVERFRONT REDESIGN

Comes now the Columbus Department of Redevelopment, more commonly known as the Columbus Redevelopment Commission, and for this Resolution says as follows:

WHEREAS, Indiana Code §36-7-14-1 et seq. provides that a community may establish a Department of Redevelopment to be controlled by a Redevelopment Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, through its Common Council, did on August 19, 2003 create the City of Columbus Department of Redevelopment and the City of Columbus Redevelopment Commission ("Redevelopment Commission") by way of Ordinance Number 25, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus identified the Riverfront area for significant redevelopment and importance to the future of the City and identified goals and objectives for this area through the Our River...Our Riverfront project; and

WHEREAS, a design team of experts has been built to address the landscape architecture, the civil, structural, and electrical engineering, the in river design and engineering, and the constructability and cost estimating of the project; and

WHEREAS, extensive work has been completed to get the necessary permits from DNR, IDEM, and USACE for the project; and

WHEREAS, initial cost estimates for the project came back at a level that was higher than anticipated and a redesign of the project is desired; and

WHEREAS, an estimate has been received from Hitchcock Design Group for developing a design that will accomplish the needed safety and aesthetics of the riverfront at less cost;

WHEREAS, the proposal would still remove the existing dam, stabilize both banks, provide access to the river and connect the people trails but would remove the in-river improvements; and

WHEREAS, the proposal for preliminary design and final design, along with coordination and permitting with IDNR and USAE, for the revised improvements for this project is an amount NOT TO EXCEED \$292,900; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Redevelopment is recommending that the Commission approve this proposal for the revised design for a riverfront trail along with needed safety improvements minus the in-river components funded from the Central Allocation Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

1. The City of Columbus Redevelopment Commission having heard from Hitchcock Design Group and its director and having reviewed the estimates for the redesign, concludes that the project is appropriate.

2. The City of Columbus Redevelopment Commission having reviewed the estimates provided, believes the proposal for the project in an amount not to exceed of \$292,900 from the Central Allocation Area is necessary for the Commission to move forward with the riverfront Project.

3. The Commission does hereby authorize the Our River...Our Riverfront project in an amount NOT TO EXCEED price of services as stated above.

4. The President of the Commission, or his designee, is authorized to execute any necessary documents to effectuate this resolution on behalf of the Commission.

Adopted this 27th day of January 2025.



AL ROSOCZUK , President



TRENA CARTER , Vice-President



CYNTHIA BOLL , Secretary