



## CITY OF GROVEPORT REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**To:** The Honorable Mayor Lance Westcamp and Members of City Council

**FROM:** Steve Farst, City Engineer

**MEETING DATE:** March 10, 2016

**TOPIC:** ORDINANCE NUMBER 16-019

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### DISCUSSION

The adoption of this ordinance would authorize the Administrator to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources for transfer of certain Canal Lands to the City of Groveport. It would also authorize the Administrator to accept the transfer of Canal Lands via a Governor's Deed, after that agreement is executed.

Background: This action pertains to a land strip currently under the control of the State of Ohio as former canal land, which is north of and abutting the Rohr Road right-of-way, in the area between the east side of the Kurtz Bros. site and the intersection of Commerce Center Drive at Rohr Road. It is in the City of Groveport's best interest to acquire this land space in fee-simple for permanent control of the land for public utility use and for future as-needed transportation use. The state's administrative office (The Department of Natural Resources) has agreed to initiate the process of transferring the Governor's Deed for this area, following execution of the referenced agreement.

Council is asked to consider passage of this ordinance as an emergency for the following reasons:

1. The action will facilitate acquiring land control for the recently completed Rohr Road 12-inch water main along the north side of Rohr Road that supplies the region with water for domestic use and fire-protection to new and existing buildings along Rohr Road and Commerce Center Drive.
2. The City staff, owners of local development, and City of Columbus (due our water agreement with that city) desire this permanent land control be established as soon as practicable.
3. Due to the time requirements to complete transfer of Governor's Deeds, it is prudent to expedite the City of Groveport's legislative process for this action so that the agreement can be executed and procedures for transfer can begin as soon as possible.

For these points and the reasons stated above, staff recommends passage of this ordinance.

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