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(At least once a week for two
consecutive weeks on the Township's website
and social media account)

BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
ANDERSON TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

The Board of Township Trustees met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. this 22nd day of October, 2026, with the following members present:

Dee Stone
Katie Nappi
Tom Hodges

Mrs. Stone moved that as to the following resolution, the rule requiring that it be read on two separate days be dispensed with. Mrs. Nappi seconded the motion, and the roll being called upon the question, the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Stone introduced the foregoing resolution and moved its passage. Mrs. Nappi seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 26 – 1022 – 02

**LIMITED HOME RULE RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE ANDERSON JOINT PLANNING INITIATIVE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING, APPOINTING DESIGNEE(S) OF THE TOWNSHIP TO THE
JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, by virtue of adoption of Resolution No. 03-0918-18, effective October 19, 2003, this Board of Township Trustees adopted a home rule form of government for Anderson Township, County of Hamilton, Ohio ("Township");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio ("Board"), as follows:

SECTION 1. This resolution is passed in the exercise of this Board's limited home rule powers under Chapter 504 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 2. It is hereby declared to be in the best interest of the residents and stakeholders in the Township that the Board participate in the collaborative long-range planning process envisioned through the Planning Initiative as set forth in the Anderson Joint Planning

Initiative Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”), by and among Anderson Township, Anderson Township Park District, and Forest Hills Local School District (each, a “partner” and collectively, the “Partners”) attached hereto as Exhibit A, and by this reference incorporated herein.

SECTION 3. The Board hereby appoints Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Nappi, and Mr. Hodges, as Partner board member designee(s) to the Joint Planning Committee (as defined and described in the MOU).

SECTION 4. The Board hereby appoints Mrs. Donovan, as Partner staff liaison(s) to support the work of the Joint Planning Committee.

SECTION 5. Upon majority vote, the Board hereby dispenses with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, pursuant to Section 504.10 of the Ohio Revised Code, and authorizes the passage of this resolution upon its first reading.

SECTION 6. If passed by a unanimous vote, pursuant to Section 504.11(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, this resolution shall take effect immediately, and shall be published in accordance with Sections 504.121 (A)(3) and 504.122(A) of the Ohio Revised Code on the Township’s website and social media account.

SECTION 7. The preamble hereto is and shall for all purposes be construed to be an integral and operative part of this resolution.

SECTION 8. This Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without implied limitation) Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

SECTION 9. This resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the Township, and for the further reason that this Board wishes to continue its collaborative dialog with the other Partners and to facilitate the Township’s participation in the Planning Initiative with the other Partners in a timely and formalized manner to the benefit of the Township’s residents and stakeholders.

The roll being called by the Fiscal Officer upon the question of passage of the resolution, the vote resulted as follows:

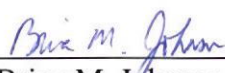
Mrs. Stone _____ yes _____ Mrs. Nappi _____ yes _____ Mr. Hodges _____ yes _____

Passed at the regular meeting of the Board of Township Trustees this 22nd day of October, 2026.

FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, duly appointed and acting Fiscal Officer of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a Limited Home Rule Resolution duly passed at a regular meeting of the Board of Township Trustees of said Township on the 22nd day of October, 2026, together with a true record of the roll call vote thereon, and that said Resolution has been duly entered upon the Journal of said Township.

Dated: October 22, 2026



Brian M. Johnson
Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

**[TO BE EXECUTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD OF
PUBLICATION OF RESOLUTIONS OR SUMMARIES OF RESOLUTIONS-
NOVEMBER 6, 2026 OR LATER]**

I, Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, do hereby certify pursuant to Section 504.124 of the Ohio Revised Code that in accordance with Sections 504.121 and 504.122 of the Ohio Revised Code, the attached Resolution was published in full on the Township's website and social media account at least once a week for two consecutive weeks, commencing October 23, 2026.

This ____ day of November, 2026.

Brian M. Johnson
Fiscal Officer

EXHIBIT A

Anderson Joint Planning Initiative Memorandum of Understanding

Anderson Township
Anderson Township Park District
Forest Hills Local School District

Final Version — October 7, 2026

Project Name	Anderson Joint Planning Initiative or the Planning Initiative
Memorandum of Understanding	Final Version
Effective Date	[Upon adoption by governing boards of Partners]
Partners	Anderson Township, Anderson Township Park District, Forest Hills Local School District
Project Sponsor	Governing Boards of all Partners jointly

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") launches the Anderson Joint Planning Initiative ("Planning Initiative") and establishes shared objectives, scope, roles and deliverables that will guide the three Partners through the Planning Initiative. Adopting this MOU commits the governing board of each Partner to the collaborative long-range planning process envisioned through the Planning Initiative while preserving each governing board's independent authority. This MOU is a document of intent between public entities that defines working relationships and procedural planning responsibilities. The Parties acknowledge that each has its own statutory authorities and obligations that must be complied with when undertaking any project that emerges from this planning process.

Anderson Township undertakes comprehensive planning exercises every five years, with sub-planning efforts from time to time. Those efforts will continue. Needs assessments by the Anderson Township Park District and Forest Hills Local School District will be undertaken by those entities. Pursuant to this Planning Initiative, it is contemplated that those needs assessments will be considered in a coordinated long-range plan for the community to meet future needs, maximize the value of public assets, and responsibly steward taxpayer resources.

1. BACKGROUND

Anderson Township ("AT"), Anderson Township Park District ("ATPD"), and Forest Hills Local School District ("FHLSD"), each an Ohio political subdivision and taxing authority, (each, a "Partner" and collectively, the "Partners") separately own and operate public lands and facilities within the Anderson community that serve residents across a range of recreational, educational, and governmental purposes.

In 2025–2026, the Partners engaged a consultant to conduct the Beech Acres Community Engagement Study, engaging more than 4,100 residents to identify what the community would like to see on the 23 acres adjacent to the current Beech Acres Park (6 owned by AT, 17 owned by ATPD). The findings were presented to the governing boards of all Partners at a joint meeting on March 24, 2026.

The March 24th meeting produced two key conclusions. First, that a meaningful answer to questions about the future of Beech Acres Park requires a broader frame, one that accounts for the full inventory of publicly owned land and facilities across all three entities, their condition, utilization, and opportunities to better meet current and future community needs. Second, that the scale and complexity of that work calls for sustained intergovernmental coordination supported by an independent planning consultant rather than parallel or ad hoc planning.

This MOU establishes a formal collaboration structure among the Partners to develop a Joint Plan for publicly owned land and facilities throughout Anderson Township. The Joint Plan will begin with a comprehensive assessment of publicly owned land and facilities and will identify opportunities to optimize public assets, better meet current and future community needs, maximize community value, and ensure the efficient use of taxpayer resources.

2. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The Anderson Joint Planning Initiative is undertaken to achieve the following objectives:

- Conduct a comprehensive inventory of all publicly owned land and facilities across the three Partners to evaluate current use and condition and opportunities to better meet community needs.
- Develop a Joint Plan assessing whether publicly owned land and facilities are being used to best meet community needs, and identifying community needs that are not currently met or could be met more efficiently.
- Use findings to identify shared service opportunities and to support implementation of the Joint Plan and each Partner's long-range facilities planning.
- Establish a durable process for collaborative efforts among the Partners, including periodic review and updating of the Joint Plan.

3. PROJECT SCOPE

Comprehensive Facilities Inventory

A comprehensive inventory and assessment of utilization and condition of all real property owned by each Partner as the foundation for development of the Joint Plan:

- **Anderson Township Park District:** All ATPD-owned land and facilities.
- **Anderson Township:** All Township-owned land and facilities.
- **Forest Hills Local School District:** All FHLSD-owned land and facilities.

Joint Plan Development

- An assessment of potential future use of each Partner's land and facilities based on the comprehensive facilities inventory and assessment, with attention to community needs, gap identification, redundancies, shared service opportunities, geographic distribution, and opportunities to improve community value and taxpayer efficiency.
- Preparation of a Joint Plan that identifies recommendations for the future use of publicly owned land and facilities and opportunities for coordinated investment among the Partners.

Partnership Development

- Establishment and operation of the Joint Planning Committee.
- Three joint meetings per year of Partner boards for alignment purposes.
- Development of formal intergovernmental cooperative agreement(s) for each subsequent joint Partner project to include proposed funding and operational responsibilities.
- Selection and oversight of an independent planning consultant.
- Establishment of a Citizen Advisory Committee to provide community input throughout the planning process.
- Public communication throughout all phases.

Out of Scope: The following are NOT within the scope of this MOU

- Construction or development of any facility- this Planning Initiative MOU covers planning only.
- Commitment of any Partner to a tax levy, bond issue, or capital appropriation.
- Transfer, encumbrance, or disposition of any real property.

- Operational decisions for any existing facility.
- Any binding financial or legal obligation beyond planning costs approved by each Partner's board.

4. JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Joint Planning Committee (the "Committee") is an advisory and coordination body for this initiative. It does not have independent legal authority and cannot bind any Partner.

- **Composition:** One to three Partner board member designees. Each Partner shall also designate staff to support the work of the Committee. Staff shall participate in Committee meetings in an advisory capacity.
- **Voting Rights:** Each Partner shall have one vote only regardless of the number of its designated board members serving as Committee members.
- **Chair:** Elected from Committee members by unanimous vote of Partners.
- **Decision rule:** Formal recommendations of the Committee shall require unanimous approval of the Partners.
- **Meeting cadence:** No less than every other month; additional meetings as needed with seven days' notice. Each Partner shall be responsible for providing public notice of each Committee meeting.
- **Administrative support:** The independent planning consultant provides project management and technical support; AT staff provides administrative coordination; ATPD and FHLSD staff provide support within their areas.
- **Committee organizational meeting:** Within 15 days of MOU adoption by all Partner governing boards.
- **Committee Responsibilities:** The Committee shall recommend selection of an independent planning consultant, provide oversight and direction throughout the planning process, review consultant work and provide feedback, and make recommendations to the governing boards.
- **Cost sharing:** All Planning Initiative cost sharing by Partners is subject to Partner governing board approval.

5. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Citizen Advisory Committee (the "Advisory Committee") shall serve in an advisory capacity to provide community perspective and feedback throughout development of the Joint Plan. The Advisory Committee shall have no independent legal authority and shall not bind any Partner.

- **Composition:** Members appointed by the Committee.
- **Responsibilities:** Review project findings and the draft recommendations, provide community perspective on identified needs and planning alternatives, assist in promoting community awareness and public engagement, and provide feedback to the Committee and the independent planning consultant.
- **Meetings:** Meet periodically throughout the planning process at the request of the Committee or the independent planning consultant.

6. KEY DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINE

The Planning Initiative is expected to proceed through four general phases. The detailed project schedule and work plan shall be developed by the independent planning consultant and approved by the Committee.

Phase	Key Deliverables
Phase 1 Initiation	• MOU adopted by all Partner governing boards • Formation of Committee • Inventory and assessment of publicly owned land and facilities
Phase 2 Assessment	• Selection of independent planning consultant • Community engagement • Identification of opportunities and needs

Phase 3
Joint Plan
Development

- Draft Joint Plan completed.
- Public review and refinement.
- Presentation of the final Joint Plan.

Phase 4
Implementation
Planning

- Consideration of the Joint Plan by each Partner.
- Development of implementation strategies for approved initiatives.

7. PROJECT INITIATION

Upon adoption of this MOU by all Partners, the Committee shall convene its organizational meeting within **fifteen (15) days**. Following approval of the consultant selection and associated cost-sharing by the governing boards of the Partners, the Committee shall review and approve the consultant's work plan and schedule.

8. ADOPTION

This MOU becomes **effective** upon its formal adoption by the governing boards of all three Partners. Adoption may occur at separate Partner board meetings and does not require simultaneous action.

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT Board of Park Commissioners

FOREST HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education