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United States Department of the Interior
National Parks Service Northeast Region
15 State Street
Boston, MA 02109-3572
Attn: George Robinson

Re: Nathan Hale Park

Dear Mr. Robinson-

This letter is offered in strong support of the City of Parma Heights proposal to incorporate water features into Nathan Hale Park which would serve to retain storm water. Members of Cuyahoga Community College's (Tri-C) Capital and Construction, and Plant Operations teams have met with the City's engineering staff on two occasions and have reviewed the planning and preliminary design documents.

While Tri-C is supportive of the proposed basin location within the confines of Nathan Hale Park, we cannot make our West Campus property available for this initiative. Please note that the Tri-C property abutting Nathan Hale Park is a delineated wetland per the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination dated Sep. 26, 2016. Any impact to the wetlands would require mitigation. These wetlands also serve as a natural safety buffer between Nathan Hale Park and Tri-C's Public Safety Training Center (PSTC) located in the northwest corner of campus. PSTC is a training facility for Tri-C's police and fire academies, as well as for local, state, regional, and federal first responders, which frequently includes live-firing at the indoor firing range, as well as simulated scenarios throughout the training village. Safety is of the utmost importance, and encroachment of the proposed Nathan Hale basin onto Tri-C property would pose safety concerns for park users in the vicinity of the PSTC.

I understand the urgency of the City's proposed project, which I hope will move forward, and I look forward to continuing the close partnership that exists between the City and Tri-C. We continue to maintain and carefully manage the drainage systems on our West Campus which feed the Nathan Hale basin.

If you have any questions, please contact John Lang, Director of Design, Construction and Planning by email at john.lang@tri-c.edu or by telephone at 216-987-4882.

Sincerely,

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