

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 004

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND KENT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PERFORM A JOINT STUDY OF PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE CONNECTIVITY THROUGH THE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE LAKE ROCKWELL TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent and Kent City School District desire to improve pathways and connections around and within the Kent School Campuses of Stanton Middle School and Theodore Roosevelt High School; and

WHEREAS, both parties desire to hire a consultant to assist them in studying, planning and engineering services in development of the Connectivity Plan; and

WHEREAS, funding from each organization (City of Kent and Kent City School District) will be 50% of the planning consultant's services up to \$5,000 projected costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Council does hereby authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Kent and Kent City School District to develop a Connectivity Plan and is more fully set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein.

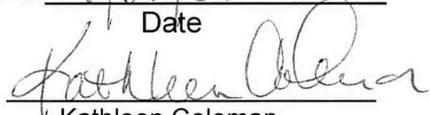
SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: 1/21/26  
Date

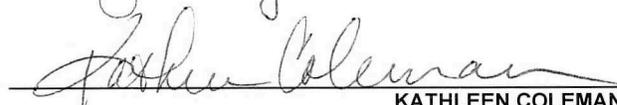
  
Jack Armhein  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: 1/21/26  
Date

ATTEST:   
Kathleen Coleman  
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. 2026 - 004, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON January 21, 2026.

(SEAL)

  
KATHLEEN COLEMAN  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

**KENT SCHOOLS CAMPUS CONNECTIVITY AREA AGREEMENT**

**KENT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AND  
THE CITY OF KENT**

**ALL PARTIES BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PORTAGE,  
STATE OF OHIO**

This Agreement, dated \_\_\_\_\_ 2025, is an agreement made and entered into between Kent City School District (“KCS D”) and the City of Kent, Ohio, duly formed under the laws of the State of Ohio (the “City”).

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, KCS D and the City desire to improve pathways and connections around and within the Kent School Campuses of Stanton Middle School and Theodore Roosevelt High School and bounded by Hudson Road and State Route 43 (North Mantua Street); and

**WHEREAS**, both the City and KCS D desire to develop a Connectivity Plan, that establishes a recommendation for paths, connections and a segment of the Lake Rockwell Trail to best serve the schools and the overall Kent community; that provides a 20-year evaluation, focusing on pedestrians and trail connections (non-vehicular paths) that serve an origin-destination purpose; and that identifies potential conflict points.

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to hire a consultant to assist them in studying and planning and engineering services in development of the Connectivity Plan as set forth in this Agreement; and

**THEREFORE**, The City and KCS D commit to collaborate and partner to initiate a strategic and transformational plan that may require the pursuit of funding for the eventual design and construction of improvements to implement the recommendations from the Connectivity Plan. At this time each party agrees to the following:

***City:***

- Take the lead role in a planning process. The planning process will be conducted with the participation and input from the residential and school community, especially the neighborhoods located across Hudson Road and North Mantua Street.
- Jointly with KCS D, hire a consultant to assist in the planning process.
- The City shall fund 50% of the planning consultant’s services, up to \$5,000.
- Pursue outside funding for the implementation of the project.

***KCS D:***

- Assist the City and participate in the planning process.
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**Schedule:**

The City and KCS D will diligently pursue hiring the consultant and thereafter completion of the planning process in an effort to complete process by January, 2026. This date can be adjusted by the mutual agreement of both parties. In addition, both parties will continually pursue outside funding sources until the project is completed or abandoned by both parties.

In witness whereof, the Parties hereto have agreed and offered their hands and seals:

CITY OF KENT

Approved and Accepted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Ruller  
City of Kent, City Manager

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hope Jones  
City of Kent, Law Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate of Director of Budget and Finance

It is hereby certified that the amount FIVE THOUSAND Dollars (\$5,000) required to meet this commitment has been lawfully appropriated or authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the City Treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of the CAPITAL Fund free from any obligation or certificates now outstanding.

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Rhonda Hall, Director of Budget and Finance

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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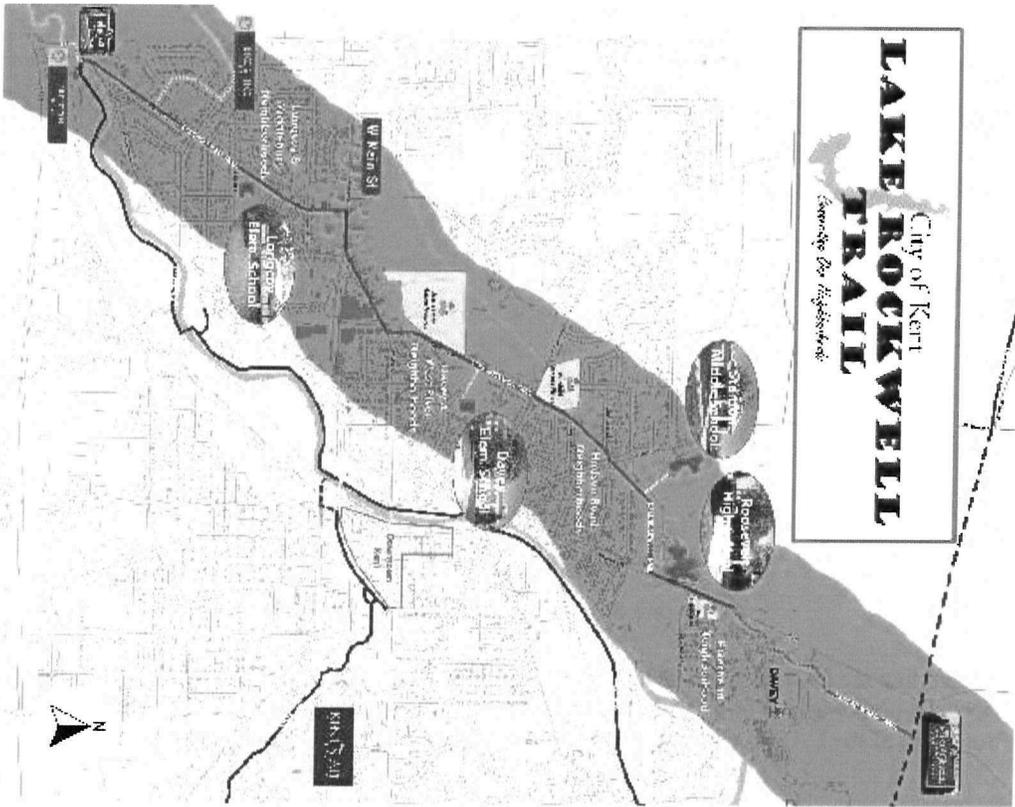
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Larkin  
Superintendent

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Kent  
**LAKE ROCKWELL TRAIL**  
*Supports Our Residents*



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