

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS
RESOLUTION 2022-45**

**AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AGRARIA FOR CLIMATE
ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Council for the Village of Yellow Springs acknowledges climate change and the loss of habitat and biodiversity as existential threats to life on the planet; and,

WHEREAS, Council understands that it has a leadership obligation to continue to create strategies to mitigate climate change, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and increase native habitat in line with our Village Value to “seek, in all decisions and actions, to reduce the community’s carbon footprint, encourage sound ecological practices and provide careful, creative & cooperative stewardship of land resources”; and,

WHEREAS, Council is committed to continuing to pursue sustainable practices in Village operations, building on a tradition of initiatives and policies that includes an energy portfolio that is approaching 100% renewable power sources; and,

WHEREAS, Council recognizes that climate action and sustainability work requires a community effort and wishes to collaborate with Tecumseh Land Trust, Glen Helen Association, Agraria and other partners in these efforts,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Council for the Village of Yellow Springs that:

Section 1. The Village Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an MOU with Agraria for 2022-23 Climate Action and Sustainability Planning efforts as shown or in a form substantially similar to those outlined in Attachment A (“MOU”) and in Attachment B (“Workplan”).

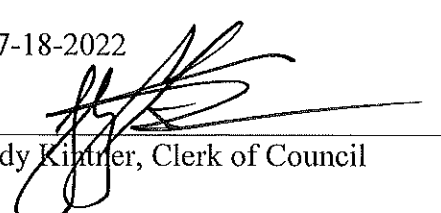
Section 2. Funds in the amount of \$25,000 will be provided to Agraria to support Climate Action & Sustainability planning and programming efforts through July 31, 2023.



Brian Housh, Council President

Passed: 7-18-2022

Attest:



Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council

ROLL CALL: Housh ___Y___

Stokes ___Y___ MacQueen ___Y___

Brown ___Y___

DeVore Leonard ___Y___

- A. Agraria will facilitate the assessment procedure using benchmarks and metrics determined by the CASP Steering Committee and approved by EC.
 - B. The CASP Steering Committee will report its assessment to the EC and Village Council.
 - C. EC will provide a final evaluation and recommendation to Village Council regarding a second funding request (see Scope of Work).
- V. Funding: The Village of Yellow Springs agrees to contribute \$25,000 for this program to Agraria by August 1st in advance of the program beginning.
- VI. Timeline: The work of the CASP Phase II will begin as soon as the Village makes the funds available to Agraria. Given that seasonal constraints and other contingencies can impact project completion times, and that the CASP Coordinator is a part-time position, it is understood that funds are used and a final assessment be completed no later than July 1, 2023.

Exhibit B to Resolution 2022-45

Climate Action & Sustainability Plan (CASP)

Phase II Scope of Work

Project Implementation:

The next phase of the CASP will draw from the project areas listed below. More detailed work plans, timelines, goals and assessments will be developed by the CASP Steering Committee in collaboration with the CASP Coordinator, and with approval by Agraria staff. Projects will be directed by the CASP Coordinator at Agraria. Initial funding of \$25,000 will be used to further the implementation of the projects in the areas delineated below with support from CASP Steering Committee. It is anticipated that additional funding will be requested. However, further funding will require approval by the Yellow Springs Village Council after their consideration of the assessment results reported by the CASP Steering Committee and the recommendation submitted by the Village of Yellow Springs Environmental Commission.

Project Areas:

- Researching incentives and designing educational campaigns around stormwater management, such as the disconnection of sump pumps from stormwater systems, and the establishment of at least one vegetated bioretention swale within the community as a public demonstration
- Implementing voluntary community waste audits and education around community compost efforts in conjunction with the CASP waste reduction initiatives
- Working with the YS National Wildlife Federation Community Habitat initiative to integrate their goals with President Biden's 30 by 30 initiative (30% of land conserved by 2030), including through the creation of a local native habitat map
- Organizing educational opportunities targeting Village Staff, Village Council and business owners on climate-smart strategies for local government and business
- 2023 Community Earth Week event planning
- Organizing workdays and community campaigns to remove invasive species and plant native species on private and public properties
- Continue the Sustainability Champions Program
- In collaboration with the CASP Committee, continuing the current domain teams, including Local Food, through a Local Food Council.
- Organize educational campaigns for residents regarding lowering energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Developing actionable goals for continuation of Phase II 2023
- Create a 2023 budget and projected funding sources.

Communication and Community Outreach:

The success of the CASP Coordinator in advancing these projects is based upon continued communication and collaboration with all stakeholders, especially the Village of Yellow Springs. The CASP Coordinator will be expected to organize and participate in the CASP Steering Committee meetings, attend meetings of the Environmental Commission, and report to Village

Council as needed. The Coordinator will also be tasked with promoting media and news coverage for specific projects.

Continuation of CASP Efforts:

An additional part of the CASP Coordinator's work will be to identify sources of funding for the continuation of select projects, as well as funding in support of the CASP Coordinator position beyond Phase II.