

**RESOLUTION NO. 106-21**

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF AM. H.B. NO. 175 TO DEREGULATE CERTAIN EPHEMERAL WATER FEATURES UNDER VARIOUS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LAWS.

WHEREAS, Am. H.B. 175 would deregulate and weaken protections for certain “ephemeral water features” under various state water pollution control laws

WHEREAS, the proposed bill defines an “ephemeral feature” as “surface water flowing or pooling only in direct response to precipitation such as rain or snow” and further replaces and expands the definition of ephemeral stream or feature to include surface water both above and below the water table.

WHEREAS, the proposed bill further removes an “ephemeral feature” from the definition of “waters of the state”, thereby weakening the authority of the State EPA and ODNR and other state agencies to regulate and protect “ephemeral features” that flow into perennial streams like Conneaut Creek and into Lake Erie, adversely affecting and jeopardizing not only our drinking water but fish and wildlife habitats.

WHEREAS, the proposed bill further appears to remove ephemeral water/features from water quality certifications and has offered no basis to determine any benefit to removing ephemeral features from the definition of the waters of the State

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Conneaut, County of Ashtabula, and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Conneaut is committed to protecting Ohio drinking water and does hereby oppose the proposed language of Am. H.B. No. 175.

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

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to State Representative Sarah Fowler Arthur, State Senator Sandra O’Brien and Governor Mike DeWine.

Passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

Jan A. [Signature]  
President of Council

Pamela O'Connell, Clerk  
Council of the City of Conneaut, Ohio, do  
certify that the foregoing is a true and accur.  
copy of Res No. 106-21  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021  
by said Council.

Pamela O'Connell  
Clerk of Council 12-13-21

ATTEST:

Pamela O'Connell  
Clerk of Council