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City to clear River Road property

Fairfield, OH – After months of discussion and consideration of options, Fairfield City Council voted unanimously at last night's meeting to move forward with hiring a contractor to raze the remaining structure on the property it owns at 6460 River Road. The Fairfield Parks & Recreation Board similarly voted unanimously at its April 17, 2018 meeting to recommend demolition of the structure.

The property was purchased by the City in 2017 with a Clean Ohio grant. Terms of the grant call for the property to be preserved as greenspace with the specific prohibition of active uses, including any use that would generate revenue. The property was identified as a potential park expansion in the 2016 Marsh Park Master Plan.

A citizens group had requested that the structure, a 19th century farmhouse, be preserved as an historic building. The City studied this possibility and determined that it would not be viable due to the cost of restoration, ongoing operating costs and the competition with other parks and recreation projects.

The City currently maintains the historic 19th century Elisha Morgan Mansion in Gilbert Farms Park as well as two historic cemeteries: the Symmes Burial Grounds and the recently restored Miami Chapel Cemetery.

Bricks from the structure will be salvaged and used in the construction of future facilities within Marsh Park.

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