

## AGREEMENT FOR GRANT OF EASEMENT

for

### CONSERVATION GREENWAY

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022, by and between **THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY**, acting by and through its Board of Parks and Recreation (herein referred to as "Metro"), and **OPRY MILLS MALL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**, property owner (herein referred to as "Grantor").

**WHEREAS**, Metro recognizes the increasing benefit of protecting open spaces within the Metropolitan Government area; and

**WHEREAS**, greenways provide the general public with recreational opportunities in natural areas, preserve, and protect native plant and animal species and their habitat, and provide low-impact transportation routes for pedestrian and bicycle traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro, by Ordinance No. 091-13, created a Greenways Commission to assist Metro in the development of a system of open space greenways; and

**WHEREAS**, Grantor is the sole owner in fee simple of certain real property in Davidson County, Tennessee, more particularly described in Exhibit A and as shown on Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference (herein referred to as "the Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is adjacent to an existing Greenway Conservation Easement, Instrument Number 20071119-0135349; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property possesses natural, open space, and recreational values (collectively, "conservation values") of great importance to Grantor and the people of Nashville and Davidson County; and

**WHEREAS**, Grantor intends that the conservation values of the Property be preserved and made more accessible for public enjoyment by the anticipated incorporation and maintenance of the property as part of the Metro greenways system; and

**WHEREAS**, Grantor further intends, as owner of the Property, to convey to Metro the right to preserve and protect the conservation values of the Property in perpetuity; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro has the authority to accept this grant pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-9-305(d), and Section 11.1002 of the Metropolitan Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro agrees by accepting this grant to honor the intentions of Grantor stated herein, and to preserve and protect, in perpetuity, the conservation values of the Property for the benefit of the people of Tennessee and the public-at-large.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the above and the mutual covenants, terms, conditions, and restrictions contained herein, Grantor hereby voluntarily grants and conveys to Metro, its successors and assigns, an easement in perpetuity over the Property of Grantor (herein referred to as "the Easement") to be located as more particularly described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B.

1. Purpose. It is the purpose of this grant to allow Metro to utilize the Easement area for one or more of the following: a pathway for pedestrian or bicycle travel, nature trail, and/or natural area. Metro, at its discretion, shall design, construct, and maintain any pathway or physical structure in a manner that best preserves the open and natural condition of the Property. It is the intention of the parties hereby expressed that the granting of the Easement will not significantly interfere with the conservation values of the Property. Grantor intends that the Easement will confine the use of the Property to such activities as are consistent with the purpose of the Easement.

2. Rights of Metro. To accomplish the purpose of the Easement, the following rights are conveyed to Metro by this grant:

a. To preserve and protect the conservation values of the Property;  
and

b. To construct and maintain a pathway to be located on the Easement, including, at the discretion of Metro, necessary trailheads, signage, benches, and other improvements consistent with the recreational and educational uses of the pathway and other conservation values; and

c. To prevent any activity on or use of the Property that is inconsistent with the purpose of the Easement and to require the restoration of such areas or features of the Property that may be damaged by any inconsistent activity or use.

3. Metro Covenants. Metro, by accepting this grant, covenants and agrees, on behalf of itself, its successors and assigns, that the following shall constitute real covenants that shall attach to and run with the easement hereby granted and shall be binding upon anyone who may hereafter come into ownership of such Easement, whether by purchase, devise, descent, or succession, or to be authorized to use said Easement area:

a. It will make the Easement area available for use by all members of the general public without distinction or illegal discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age.

b. It will adopt rules and regulations governing the use of the Easement area so as not to permit or suffer any use of the Easement by Grantor or others in violation of such rules and regulations. At a minimum, the rules and regulations will provide as follows:

i. That the hours of public access of the Easement shall be from sunrise to sunset.

ii. That all persons utilizing the Easement area must remain on the pathway.

- iii. That all pets of persons utilizing the pathway must be on a leash at all times.
- iv. That the following activities shall be strictly prohibited:
  - 1. consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages;
  - 2. horseback riding;
  - 3. unauthorized motor vehicles;
  - 4. collecting or distributing plants, animals or other natural features;
  - 5. littering or dumping;
  - 6. possession of firearms, weapons or projected objects;
  - 7. playing of radios, musical instruments or other devices in a manner that might disturb others;
  - 8. vending or other concessions without proper permits;
  - 9. advertising or posting of bills;
  - 10. trespassing on adjacent property of Grantor.

4. Other Prohibited Uses. Any activity on or use of the Property inconsistent with the purpose of the Easement is prohibited. The aforementioned express prohibitions shall not limit the generality of this paragraph.

5. Reserved Rights. Grantor reserves to itself, and to its personal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, all rights accruing from their ownership of the Property, including the right to engage in or permit or invite others to engage in all uses of the Property that are not expressly prohibited herein and are not inconsistent with the purpose of the Easement. Further, Grantor reserves the right to maintain the subject property consistent with the purposes herein set forth and will maintain it in accordance with all local laws until improvements are made by Metro.

6. Metro's Remedies. If Metro determines that Grantor is in violation of the terms of this Agreement or that a violation is threatened, Metro shall give



written notice to Grantor of such violation and demand corrective action sufficient to cure the violation and, where the violation involves injury to the Property resulting from any use or activity inconsistent with the purpose of the Easement, to restore the portion of the Property so injured. If Grantor fails to cure the violation within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice thereof from Metro or, under circumstances where the violation cannot reasonably be cured within a thirty (30) day period, fails to continue diligently to cure such violation until finally cured, Metro may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Agreement to enjoin the violation by temporary or permanent injunction, and to recover any damages to which it may be entitled for violation of the terms of this Agreement or for injury to any conservation values protected by the Easement, including damages for the loss of scenic, aesthetic, or environmental values, and to require the restoration of the Property to the condition that existed prior to any such injury. If Metro, in its sole discretion, determines that circumstances require immediate action to prevent or mitigate significant damage to the conservation values of the Property, Metro may pursue its remedies under this paragraph without prior notice to Grantor or without waiting for the expiration of the period provided for cure. Metro's rights under this paragraph apply equally in the event of either actual or threatened violations of the terms of this Agreement. Metro's remedies described in this paragraph shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity.

7. Metro's Discretion. Enforcement of the terms of this Agreement shall be at the discretion of Metro, and any forbearance by Metro to exercise its rights under this Agreement in the event of any breach of any terms of this Agreement by Grantor shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver by Metro of such term, or of any subsequent breach of the same, or any other term of this Agreement, or of any of Metro's rights under this Agreement. No delay or omission by Metro in the exercise of any right or remedy upon any breach by Grantor shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver.

8. Waiver of Certain Defenses. Grantor hereby waives any defense of laches, estoppel, or prescription.

9. Acts Beyond Grantor's Control. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to entitle Metro to bring any action against Grantor for any injury to or change in the Property resulting from causes beyond Grantor's control, including, without limitation, fire, flood, storm, and earth movement, or from any prudent action taken by Grantor under emergency conditions to prevent, abate, or mitigate significant injury to the Property resulting from such causes.

10. Amendment. If circumstances arise under which an amendment to or modification of this Agreement is appropriate, Grantor, or the then current owner of the Property, and Metro are free to jointly amend this Agreement without prior notice to any other party; provided that any amendment shall be in writing; shall be consistent with the purpose of the Easement; shall not affect its perpetual duration; and shall have the consent of the Metro Greenways Commission (or its successor, if applicable).

11. Extinguishment. If circumstances arise in the future that render the purpose of the Easement impossible to accomplish, the Easement can only be terminated or extinguished, whether in whole or in part, by judicial proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction.

12. Assignment. The Easement is transferable, but Metro may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement only to an organization that is a qualified organization at the time of transfer under Section 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder and authorized to acquire and hold conservation easements. As a condition of such transfer, Metro shall require that the conservation purposes which this grant is intended to advance continue to be carried out.

13. Subsequent Transfers. Grantor agrees to incorporate the terms of this Agreement in any deed or other legal instrument by which it divests itself of any interest in all or a portion of the Property, including, without limitation, a

leasehold interest. Grantor further agrees to make commercially reasonable efforts to give written notice to Metro of the transfer of any interest at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such transfer. The failure of Grantor to perform any act required by this paragraph shall not impair the validity of the Easement or limit its enforceability in any way.

14. General Provisions.

a. Controlling Law. The interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Tennessee.

b. Liberal Construction. Any general rule of construction to the contrary notwithstanding, this Agreement shall be liberally construed in favor of the grant to effect the purpose of the Easement and the policy and purpose of Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 66-9-301 to 309. If any provision in this instrument is found to be ambiguous, an interpretation consistent with the purpose of the Easement that would render the provision valid shall be favored over any interpretation that would render it invalid.

c. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is found to be invalid, the remainder of the provisions of this Agreement, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is found to be invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

d. Entire Agreement. This instrument sets forth the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the Easement and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, understandings, or agreements relating to the Easement, all of which are merged herein. No alteration or variation of this instrument shall be valid or binding unless contained in an amendment that complies with paragraph ten (10).

e. Successors. The covenants, terms, conditions, and restrictions of this Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties

hereto and their respective personal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, and shall continue as a servitude running in perpetuity with the Property.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said Easement unto Metro, its successors, and assigns, forever.

*[Remainder of page left blank intentionally]*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have caused this instrument to be executed as of this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

GRANTOR:


OPRY MILLS MALL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Delaware limited partnership

By: OPRY MILLS MANAGER, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, its general partner

  
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John Rulli  
Chief Administrative Officer

ACCEPTED:

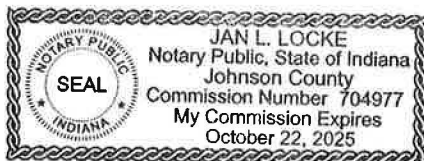
THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DIRECTOR, PARKS AND RECREATION

STATE OF INDIANA       )  
                                      )  
COUNTY OF Marion     )

On this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022, before me personally appeared John Rulli, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.



  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: October 22, 2025

STATE OF TENNESSEE     )  
  )  
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON    )

On this the \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2022, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who acknowledged himself to be the Director of the Metropolitan Government Department of Parks and Recreation, and that he, as such Director, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

*[See following pages]*

Exhibit "A"

A tract of land situated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Civil District of Davidson County, Nashville, Tennessee. Being a portion of Parcel 17.00 on Davidson County Tax Map 73.00 and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the common corner of the Opryland Attractions, LLC Property, as recorded in Instrument Number 20121001-0089165, Registers Office for Davidson County, (R.O.D.C.), said Property is also Lot #10 on sheet 2 of the Second Revision – Unified Plat of the Subdivision Gaylord Entertainment Company – Briley Parkway at McGavock Pike, of record in Instrument Number 20070417-0045714, the Opryland Attractions, Inc Property, as recorded in Deed Book 10356, Page 249, (R.O.D.C.), said Property is also Lot #9 on said plat and the Opry Mills Operating Company, L.L.C., as recorded in Instrument Number 20020930-0118693, said Property is Lot #1 on said plat;

Thence, leaving said common corner and across Lot #1 of said plat the following thirteen (13) calls:

North 63°49'40" East a distance of 38.91 feet;

Thence, North 26°06'27" West a distance of 338.04 feet to the beginning of a curve;

Thence, with a curve to the right having a radius of 200.00 feet, an arc length of 88.74, a central angle of 25°25'22" and a chord bearing of North 13°23'47" West for a distance of 88.02 feet;

Thence, North 00°41'06" West a distance of 66.90 feet;

Thence, North 89°18'54" East a distance of 13.66 feet;

Thence, North 79°50'30" East a distance of 297.96 feet;

Thence, South 10°09'30" East a distance of 16.77 feet;

Thence, South 79°51'17" West a distance of 284.66 feet;

Thence, North 89°18'54" East a distance of 16.19 feet;

Thence, South 00°41'06" West a distance of 52.61 feet to the beginning of a curve;

Thence, with a curve to the left, having a radius of 186.66 feet, an arc length of 82.82 feet, a central angle of 25°25'22" and a chord which bears South 13°23'47" West a distance of 82.15 feet;

Thence, South 26°06'27" East a distance of 351.37 feet;

Thence, South 63°49'40" West a distance of 52.23 feet to a common line between Lot #1 and Lot #10 of the aforementioned plat;

Thence, with said line North 26°10'20" West a distance of 13.34 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 12,237 square feet or 0.28 acres, more or less.

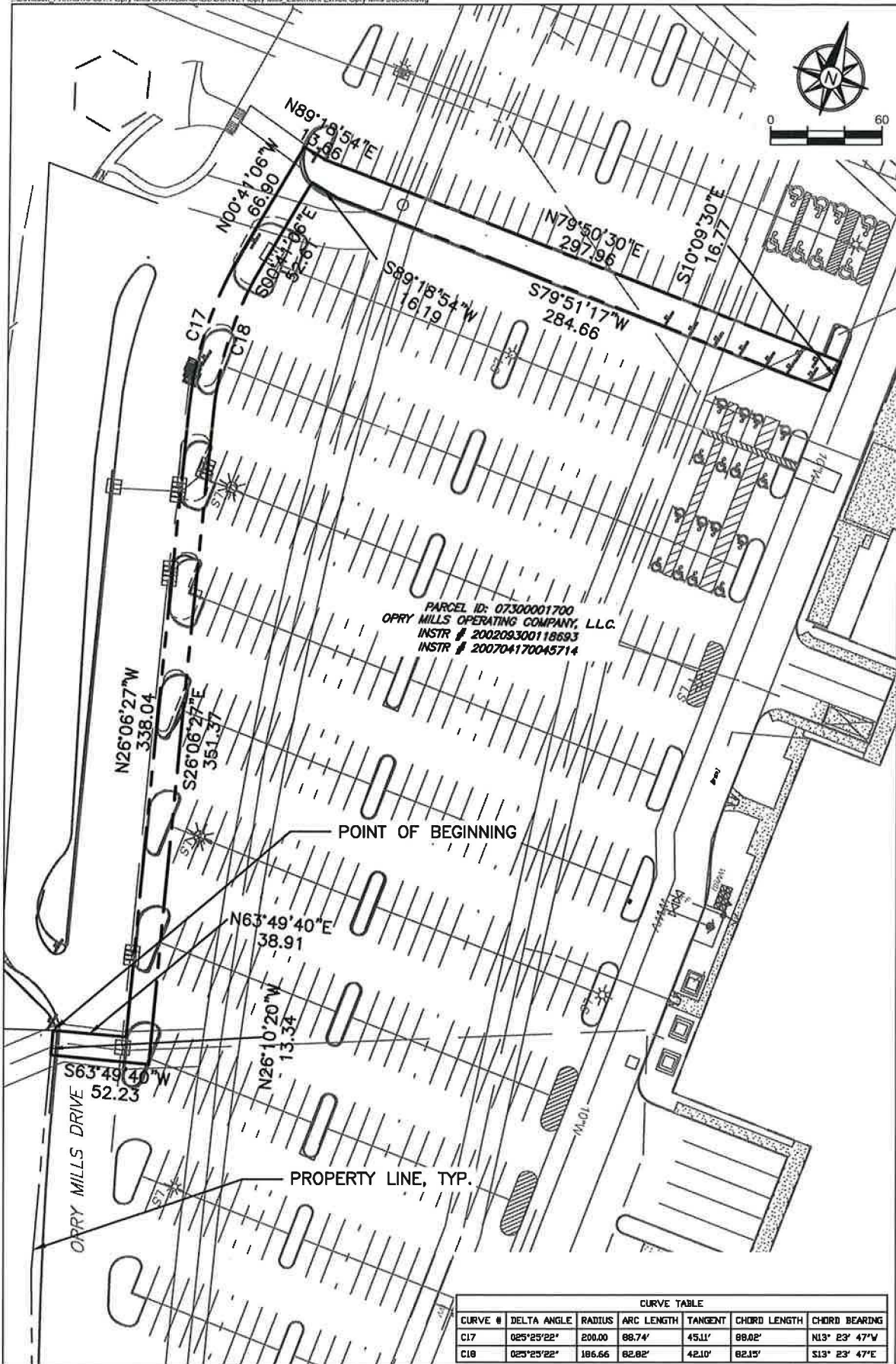
Being a portion of the Opry Mills Operating Company, L.L.C., as recorded in Instrument Number 20020930-0118693, (R.O..C.)



**EXHIBIT B**

TRACT IV

*[See following pages]*



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EASEMENT EXHIBIT  
OPRY MILLS GREENWAY CONNECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
METRO DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

DATE: 01/13/2020

DRAWN BY: MEL  
SUPERVISED BY: MJP  
CHECKED BY: MJP

SHEET NO: 1 OF 1