

RESOLUTION NO. CR-78-04

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BIG DARBY ACCORD REGIONAL PLANNING PROCESS

WHEREAS, the City of Grove City, Ohio desires to protect and to improve the Big and Little Darby Creeks and their tributaries so that they continue to be healthy, biologically diverse, and a recreational treasure for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is time for an unparalleled level of intergovernmental cooperation to protect this environmentally sensitive area through the cooperative development of a multi-jurisdictional plan and related preservation and growth strategies which are capable of implementation, oversight and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, a joint planning process for the Darby Watershed can yield great results for current and future residents, including, without limitation, strong environmental protection measures that assure water quality; responsible growth policies with quality public services and facilities; creative approaches that promote diverse housing, educational, recreational, and civic opportunities for Central Ohio citizens; and cooperation among the partners through means which include the cooperative utilization of public services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grove City is fully supportive of the Mission statement proposed to guide these efforts and desires to commit to support this regional effort and urges each jurisdiction and other stakeholders to likewise fully support and actively participate in this joint planning process; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to cooperate but retains its right to plan, design, and construct necessary Public Facility plans and Infrastructure needs within the Darby Watershed consistent with the 208 plan and requirements that are being established by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency with respect to said plan; and

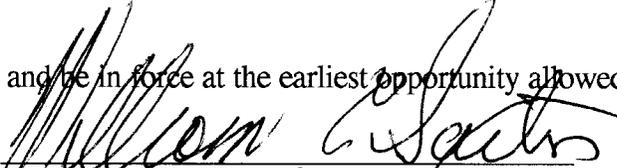
WHEREAS, it is understood by all participants that the City retains its right to annexation as set forth in Ohio Law and Grove City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

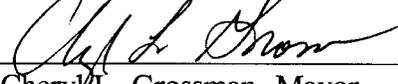
SECTION 1. The City of Grove City does hereby support a comprehensive, intergovernmental planning effort to protect the Darby Watershed based upon the principles set forth in the Mission Statement.

SECTION 2. The City of Grove City pledges to assist in funding the technical and planning resources necessary to facilitate this process and asks that all jurisdictions participate in the funding of this effort and upon the Grove City Service Director's determination, review and approval of the amount of the City of Grove City's contribution, commits to appropriate such funds.

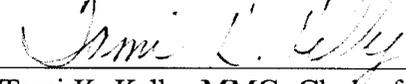
SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect and be in force at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.



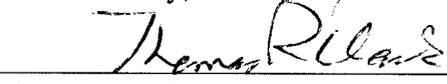
William E. Saxton, President of Council



Cheryl L. Grossman, Mayor



Tami K. Kelly, MMC, Clerk of Council



Thomas R. Clark, Director of Law

Passed: 12-18-04
Effective: 12-18-04

Attest:

I Certify that this resolution is correct as to form.

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PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT

The Big Darby Accord consists of local governments within the Franklin County area of the Big Darby Creek watershed. The mission of the Big Darby Accord is to cooperatively develop a multi-jurisdictional plan and accompanying preservation and growth strategies, capable of implementation, oversight and enforcement, which are designed to:

- preserve, protect and improve, when possible, the Big Darby Creek watershed's unique ecosystem by utilizing the best available science, engineering and land use planning practices;
- promote responsible growth by taking measures to provide for adequate public services and facilities and promote a full spectrum of housing choice, as well as adequate educational, recreational and civic opportunities, for citizens of each jurisdiction and for Central Ohio;
- Develop a partnership that recognizes the identity of all jurisdictions and their aspiration to continue to provide quality public services and the execution of their unique and shared rights and duties through means such as cooperation among stakeholders in terms of the cooperative utilization of public services and facilities; and
- capitalize on the results of other efforts by considering local comprehensive plans, as well as the work of the Environmentally Sensitive Development Area External Advisory Group, the Hellbranch Forum, the 21st Century Policy Team and other local planning and zoning efforts, in the development of the plan.