

RESOLUTION 19-12

Introduced by Steve Keys

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE BIG WALNUT WATERSHED BALANCED GROWTH PLAN

WHEREAS, a portion of the Big Walnut Watershed is located within the boundaries of [name of jurisdiction]; and

WHEREAS, MORPC formed a Watershed Planning Partnership (WPP) of jurisdictions with planning authority within the Big Walnut Watershed, including [Name of Jurisdiction], and the WPP then worked collaboratively to seek broad public input and develop a balanced growth plan for the Big Walnut Watershed based on that input; and

WHEREAS, the balanced growth plan identifies Priority Conservation Areas within the Big Walnut Watershed to protect critically important ecological, recreational, agricultural, heritage, public access, and other areas, the preservation of which would enhance the quality of life of the citizens of [name of jurisdiction]; and

WHEREAS, the balanced growth plan also identifies Priority Development Areas within the Big Walnut Watershed, which are areas in which growth or redevelopment should especially be promoted and through which the economy of the region encompassed by the Big Walnut Watershed will be enhanced; and

WHEREAS, the balanced growth plan also identifies Priority Agricultural Areas within the Big Walnut Watershed, which areas are critical to the regional food system and therefore should be protected to conserve valuable farm land, while also protecting surface and ground waters; and

WHEREAS, the balanced growth plan also identifies a variety of recommended tools and programs through which Priority Conservation Areas can be protected and enhanced and Priority Agricultural Areas can be preserved for agricultural use while sustainable development can be driven to Priority Development Areas; and

WHEREAS, while the final balanced growth plan contains recommendations only, and does not impose any mandatory requirements or limitations on [name of jurisdiction], its effectiveness in influencing future growth and development in the Walnut Creek Watershed will depend on attempting to implement those recommendations;

WHEREAS, while the balanced growth plan does not impose any mandatory requirements or limitations on [name of jurisdiction], its effectiveness in influencing future growth and development in the Big Walnut Watershed will benefit from the continuing participation of the jurisdictions with planning authority within the Big Walnut Watershed in the Watershed Planning Partnership.

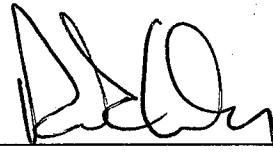
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE [NAME OF LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE JURISDICTION]:

SECTION 1: [Name of Jurisdiction] supports the balanced growth plan and designated priority areas for the Big Walnut Watershed and shall make best faith efforts to implement applicable recommendations

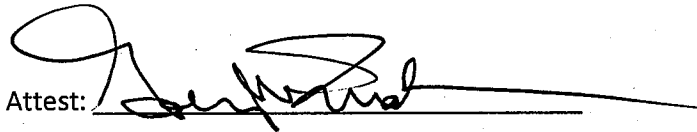
of the balanced growth plan in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio and the wishes of its own citizens.

SECTION 2: [name of jurisdiction] shall continue to participate in the work of Big Walnut Watershed Planning Partnership.

Passed: November 27, 2012

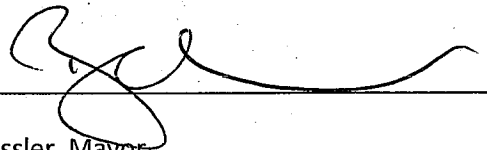


Rick Weber, President of Council

Attest: 

Clerk of Council

Approved: November 27, 2012



Ben Kessler, Mayor

First Reading 10-23-12

Second Reading 11-13-12

Third Reading 11-27-12

Balanced Growth Planning in the Big Walnut Watershed

Balanced Growth is a voluntary, incentive based strategy to protect and restore [Ohio's watersheds] to assure long-term economic competitiveness, ecological health, and quality of life."

—BalancedGrowth.Ohio.gov

The development of the Balanced Growth Plan was directed by communities and stakeholders in the Big Walnut watershed. Balanced Growth Planning is a voluntary and incentive-based process that brings people together from across jurisdictional boundaries to create a broader vision for the watershed.

The final Balanced Growth Plan shows Priority Conservation Areas, Priority Development Areas, and Priority Agricultural Areas that have been designated by the Big Walnut Watershed Planning Partnership. The plan also includes an Implementation Toolbox with information about selected tools that can assist communities with implementing the plan. The final plan does not create any requirements or regulations for partnership communities, but does include recommendations.

After achieving local support, MORPC will seek state endorsement for the plan, which will unlock state incentives for implementation.

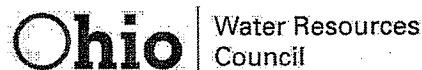
Recommendations:

- Locally adopt plan
- Develop local comprehensive plan
- Update comprehensive plan every 5 years
- Incorporate Priority Areas into local community plans and zoning
- Integrate Implementation Tools where applicable and appropriate
- Continue participating in the Big Walnut Planning Partnership

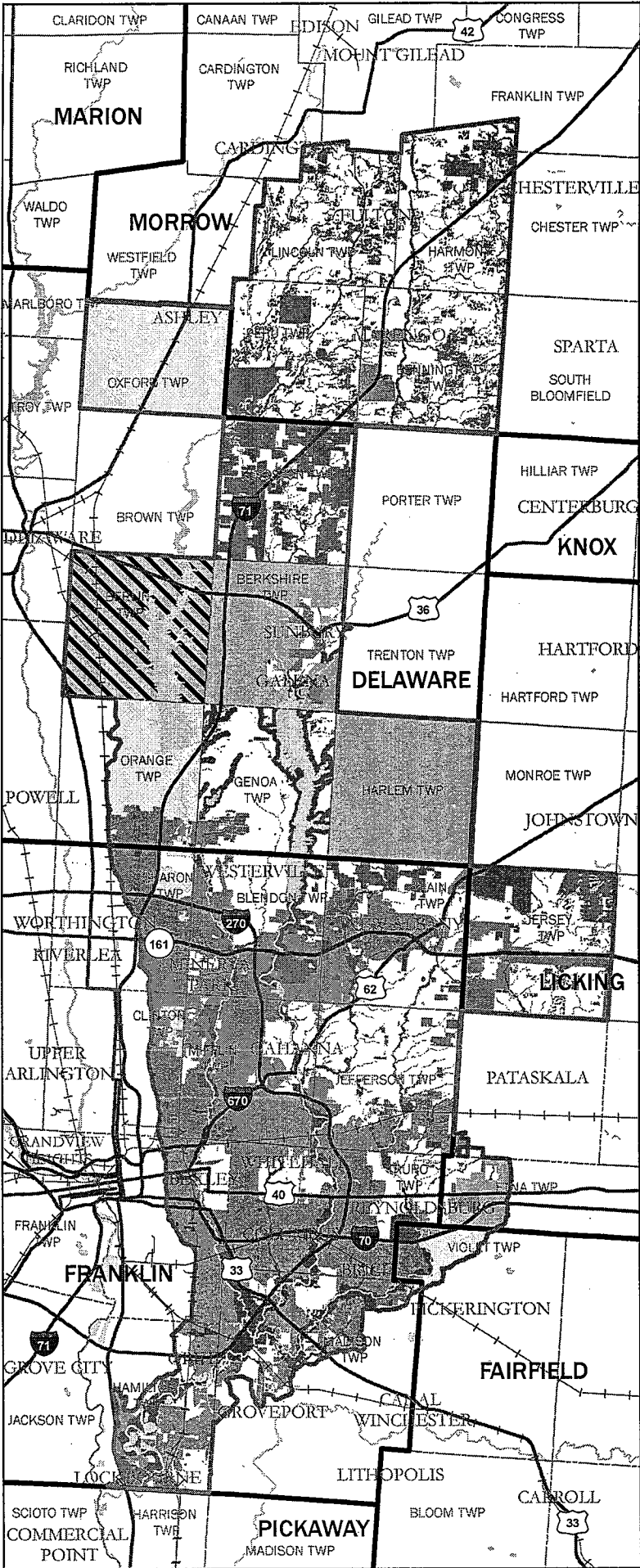
Implementation Toolbox:

- Comprehensive Planning
- Stormwater Management
- Low Impact Development
- Natural Areas Establishment
- Stream & Wetland Setbacks
- Woodland/Tree Canopy Protection
- Conservation Development
- Transfer of Development Rights
- Brownfield Redevelopment
- Exactions and Impact Fees
- Complete Streets
- Economic Development Programs
- Farmland Preservation
- Agricultural Conservation Programs
- 208 Planning

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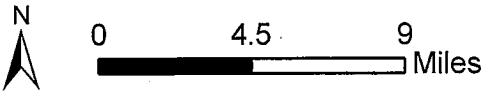


Big Walnut Balanced Growth Watershed Priority Area Analysis



Legend

- Priority Conservation Area
- Priority Agricultural Area
- Priority Development Area
- Under Review
- Did Not Participate
- Participated in another Watershed Planning Partnership
- Big Walnut Analysis Area
- County Boundary
- Major Roads
- Railroad
- Water



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