

**Resolution authorizing the Big Darby Revenue Program - Sources of Revenue Generation and Revenue Allocation (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING)**

**WHEREAS**, the Big Darby Accord Watershed Master Plan of June 2006 was prepared and has been adopted by Brown Township, Pleasant Township, Prairie Township, Washington Township, city of Hilliard, city of Columbus and Franklin County for the purpose of conserving and protecting the vital environmental resources of an 84 square mile area within the Franklin County portion of the watershed, while fostering managed development that is appropriate, balanced and well planned; and

**WHEREAS**, as the first paragraph of the Plan's Executive Summary states, "The Big Darby Watershed in central Ohio is one of the most biologically diverse aquatic systems in the Midwest, home to 38 state and federally listed aquatic species. Big and Little Darby creeks have been designated as State and National Scenic Rivers."; and

**WHEREAS**, the second paragraph of same states in part: "The Big Darby Accord Plan is intended to serve as a multi-jurisdictional guide for development and conservation. The Plan represents a long-term vision and general land use plan for the future that brings together multiple interests in an effort to protect and preserve the watershed while providing guidance for managed growth."; and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood that the success of any such long-term vision and general plan depends upon ongoing efforts to develop and refine detailed implementation programs and take other necessary steps to implement such vision and plan; and

**WHEREAS**, many steps have been taken to implement aspects of the Plan, including establishing the Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel that is conducting initial land use and zoning review of proposed development in the watershed, and establishing the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) that is studying priorities and methods for the acquisition and protection of environmentally sensitive Big Darby land; and

**WHEREAS**, Brown Township, Prairie Township, Pleasant Township, city of Columbus and Franklin County recognize that now is the time for moving forward on critical implementation programs and steps needed to effectuate several of the Accord Plan Principles, specifically including (from page 2 of Executive Summary):

- Growth will be served by adequate public facilities, particularly central sewer
- A development policy that provides for mechanisms to acquire environmentally sensitive areas
- A memorandum of understanding among Accord members to implement the agreed upon plan
- Development without the condition of annexation
- Mechanisms for cooperative revenue sharing among Accord members

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**WHEREAS**, Brown Township, Prairie Township, Pleasant Township, city of Columbus and Franklin County have worked cooperatively to prepare a proposed revenue program to address both sources (revenue generation) and uses (revenue allocation) of funds necessary to achieve the objectives of the Big Darby Accord Plan. Said Big Darby Accord Revenue Program (April 9, 2009) has been reviewed within the Big Darby Revenue Working Group and discussed with key stakeholder organizations, and on December 2, 2008, all participating jurisdictions that have adopted the Big Darby Accord Plan and several other entities conducted a Big Darby Accord Community Update and Open House, at which this revenue program and other implementation efforts were fully presented and discussed;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. Approves the attached Big Darby Revenue Program (April 9, 2009); and
2. Directs the project staff and consultants to develop a detailed agreement to implement this revenue program and such other matters as may be required to appropriately achieve the objectives of the Big Darby Accord Plan, and to bring such agreement back before us and the governing bodies as may also be considering such an agreement, for consideration and final action as each governing body shall see fit.

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C: Economic Development & Planning Department