

**Resolution authorizing the Big Darby Accord Town Center Master Plan Consultant Participation Agreement (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING) (\$500,000)**

**WHEREAS**, Brown Township, Prairie Township, city of Columbus and Franklin County are local jurisdictions within the Franklin County portion of the Big and Little Darby Creeks' Watershed (the "Watershed"); and

**WHEREAS**, Brown Township, Prairie Township, city of Columbus and Franklin County to this agreement have been involved in the Big Darby Accord planning process, which is intended to protect the water quality and other natural resources of this planning area, while recognizing growth pressures and the rights of property owners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Big Darby Accord designates that the development of a Town Center be a large consideration in the preservation of the Watershed in Franklin County; and

**WHEREAS**, Brown Township, Prairie Township, city of Columbus, and Franklin County all have a direct interest in the successful development and creation of the Town Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Brown Township, Prairie Township, city of Columbus and Franklin County desire to contract with Urban Design Associates in order to perform the various assigned duties pertaining to the creation of a detailed development plan for the Town Center within the framework of the Big Darby Accord ; and

**WHEREAS**, Brown Township, Prairie Township, city of Columbus and Franklin County desire to have Franklin County enter into an Agreement with the consultant selected by mutual agreement among the parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs for hiring the consultant for this initiative are estimated to be approximately \$500,000.00; Franklin County's portion shall not exceed \$280,000.00 (56%); and

**WHEREAS**, Brown Township, Prairie Township, city of Columbus and Franklin County recognize that the costs for the hiring of the consultant should be shared by all four jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, Brown Township, Prairie Township, city of Columbus and Franklin County have agreed to provide funds to finance a portion of the costs of the consultant, which funds shall be provided to Franklin County to be used by Franklin County, as the financial agent for the parties hereto, to pay such costs; and

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**WHEREAS**, Brown Township, Prairie Township, city of Columbus and Franklin County willingness to both participate in this initiative and provide a proportionate share of funding assistance is based upon the understanding and condition that all parties adhere to each and every element and principle contained in this Agreement.

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

1. That the attached Big Darby Accord Town Center Master Plan Participation Agreement is hereby approved.
2. That the Director of the Economic Development and Planning Department is authorized to enter into contract negotiations with Urban Design Associates for the Big Darby Town Center Master Plan.

Prepared by: R. Lee Brown

C: Economic Development & Planning Department  
Auditor