

Resolution agreeing to participate in an Assessment Coalition partnership to pursue a Community-based Environmental Assessment Grant (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING)

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency administers Assessment Coalition Grants through the EPA Brownfields Program; and

WHEREAS, The Assessment Coalition must be comprised of three or more eligible entities; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County is an eligible entity to participate in the Brownfields Program and Franklin County has been approached to participate as a partner in the program with the city of Columbus and the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District; and

WHEREAS, Assessment Coalition Grants must be used to conduct environmental assessments of properties where the redevelopment or reuse of the property may be complicated by the presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants; and

WHEREAS, a Coalition Grant can help promote economic development, environmental sustainability and collaborative partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Completing an environmental assessment is the first step in turning unproductive sites into productive uses; and

WHEREAS, given the importance of identifying, remediating and redeveloping potentially polluted or contaminated properties on the public health, safety, welfare and economy of Franklin County; now, therefore, upon motion of Commissioner Paula Brooks, and seconded by Commissioner John O'Grady,

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

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County do hereby agree to participate in an Assessment Coalition partnership with other government entities to pursue a Community-based Environmental Assessment Grant through the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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Cc: Economic Development & Planning Department