

RESOLUTION NO. 66-2009

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN A BALANCED GROWTH INITIATIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR FURNACE RUN, A TRIBUTARY TO THE CUYAHOGA RIVER

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Richfield recognizes the importance of linking economic and environmental factors, especially watershed and stream stewardship, in land use planning and development; and

WHEREAS, Furnace Run is recognized as a high quality stream which flows in and drains a portion of our community, eventually flowing into the Cuyahoga River in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park; and

WHEREAS, Furnace Run provides important environmental services and value to our community, our regional park resources; and

WHEREAS, coordinated planning and understanding by the watershed communities is important in order to be able to protect and enhance Furnace Run in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Lake Erie Commission (OLEC) has developed a voluntary program, known as the Balanced Growth Initiative (BGI), which provides support for communities within a watershed to form a Watershed Planning Partnership (WPP), to plan and work collaboratively to define Priority Conservation Areas and Priority Development Areas; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization (CRCPO) is the non-profit fiscal parent for Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan (RAP), the lead partner for the Cuyahoga-American Heritage River Initiative and leader of the first State-endorsed BGI Plan in adjacent Chippewa Creek, and currently is completing the Brandywine Creek BGI Watershed Plan, and is a recognized leader in the development of BGI Watershed Plans; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that it is an on-going strategic goal of CRCPO for the Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan (RAP) to development functional Watershed Partnerships and management plans for each of the tributaries that drain into the main stem of the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern; and

WHEREAS, CRCPO is assisting the communities of the Furnace Run Watershed to voluntarily form a Watershed Planning Partnership for Furnace Run for the purpose of enabling the communities to work together to development a Balanced Growth Watershed Management Plan for Furnace Run; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Richfield hereby supports the value for collaborative watershed planning in the context of the Balanced Growth Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That this Council hereby agrees to participate in the Furnace Run BGI planning process and authorizes the Mayor to appoint _____ local citizens as representatives and two additional alternates to the Furnace Run Watershed Planning Partnership and to actively participate with the other participating communities in the development of a Watershed Plan for Furnace Run.

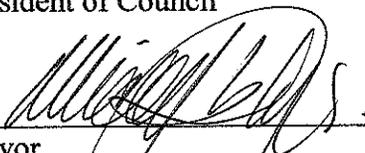
SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the other Furnace Run Communities and to CRCPO for submission to OLEC for the purpose of establishing eligibility for program funding for the development of the Furnace Run Watershed Plan.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 11/17/09



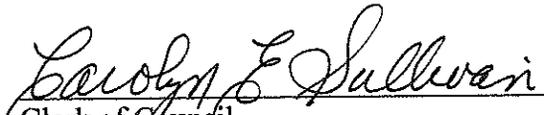
President of Council



Mayor

Dated: 11/17/09

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council



Furnace Run Watershed Planning Partners (WPP)

The seven watershed general-purpose units of local government are being asked to participate. Village of Richfield Mayor Lyons will lead this effort, with assistance from CRCPO.

Approval from 75% of the Watershed Land Area, and number of Communities and Population is required in order to receive State endorsement.

Draft Governance and Organization

1. Participating Local Government chief official (Mayor or Chair of Trustees) will appoint a number of community representatives, based on the criteria below in item 10, and 2 alternates to the WPP.
2. All other local Participating CEOs will review and be asked to consent to the appointments.
3. Park Districts in the Watershed will be asked to name 2 Associate Members, whose participation will be included in the WPP proceedings, but whose vote will not count towards the 75% approval level needed for final Plan Endorsement by OLEC.
4. The WPP will meet regularly in approximately 10 meetings for the duration of the Watershed Plan Development Process, plus two Public Presentations as outlined in the attached BGI project grant proposal.
5. Meetings will be initially led by Mayor Village of Richfield and facilitated by CRCPO.
6. Meetings locations will circulate to the communities of the WPP; the local host community will chair the meeting.
7. During the sequence of WPP plan meetings:
 - Members will be instructed about watershed function by CRCPO.
 - Members will be informed regarding land use, natural resources, community land use plans and watershed management issues in the watershed by CRCPO with input for each community.
 - Members will be expected to:
 - i. Attend consistently,
 - ii. Be properly informed,
 - iii. Support measures to promote responsible watershed stewardship while also accommodating the need and plans for continued community economic development,
 - iv. Provide feedback and set priorities for the watershed for defining: Priority Conservation Area, Priority Development Areas, and Priority re-development areas, based on a suite of mutually agreed upon evaluation criteria.
 - v. Report to their respective communities regarding the planning process:
 - vi. Seek the endorsement for their respective community if they are satisfied with the plan as endorsed by the WPP.
8. Selection of criteria, priorities and general decision-making will be achieved through consensus and with respect for differing views.
9. CRCPO will serve as Project Coordinator. In this capacity CRCPO will:
 - Facilitate WPP Meetings
 - Prepare Plan materials for review by WPP as funded by OLEC for the Plan development
 - CRCPO will not participate in consensus decisions of the WPP



- Coordinate approval process with local governments and State of Ohio. Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization is the non-profit fiscal parent for Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan; the lead partner for the Cuyahoga- American Heritage River Initiative; Leader of first approved BGI Plan (Chippewa Creek) in Ohio; and currently completing the Brandywine Creek BGI watershed plan and Big Creek BGI-based Watershed Management Plan. It is an ongoing strategic goal of CRCPO for the Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan (RAP) to develop functional Watershed Partnerships and management plans for each of the tributaries that drain into the main stem of the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern.

10. WPP Representation for the General Purpose Units of Government and the Park Districts will be allocated according the following Criteria:

WPP Representation Criteria	Reps
Cities & Villages / Park Districts	2
Townships	1
Plus additional Reps for the General Purpose Units based on % of Watershed Land:	
1-5%	1
6-15%	2
16-30%	3
> 30 %	4

Community	Comments	% of the Watershed	City or Village -2 Township-1 Park Dist -2	% of WS Occupancy	TOTAL
City of Brecksville	Member of Chippewa BGI Watershed Planning Partnership Mayor serves on National Parks Advisory Board	13.1 %	2	2	4
City of Broadview Heights	Member of Chippewa BGI Watershed Planning Partnership	1.7 %	2	1	3
Village of Richfield	Mayor Mike Lyon, Member CRCPO Board of Directors and RAP Committee. Chairman of Cuyahoga Valley Regional Council of Governments Leader in new efforts at regional collaborations & cooperation	25.3%	2	3	5

Community	Comments	% of the Watershed	City or Village -2 Township-1 Park Dist -2	% of WS Occupancy	TOTAL
Richfield Township	Maintains close working relationship with Village of Richfield	45.4%	1	4	5
Bath Township	Leader in Yellow Creek Watershed Plan	7.1%	1	2	3
Boston Township	Sponsor for Friends of Yellow Creek Watershed territory is wholly within Cuyahoga Valley National Park	6.0%	1	2	3
City of Cuyahoga Falls	Watershed territory is wholly within Cuyahoga Valley National Park	1.4%	2	1	3
Park WPP Associate members:	Participant in the Yellow Creek Watershed Partnership				
Metroparks Serving Summit – Furnace Run Metropark	Participates on the RAP Coordinating Committee		2		2
Cuyahoga Valley National Park-	Participates on the RAP Coordinating Committee / CVNP participated in Chippewa Creek BGI plan and helped organize the partnership for the Brandywine BGI Plan.		2		2
	TOTAL WPP				30

11. Technical Advisors will provide technical support and advice to the WPP, but will not be included in the consensus decisions.

- The Following listed agencies have been identified to be included as Technical Advisors to the WPP.
 - Summit County Engineer- NPDES Phase II Coordinators
 - Summit County Soil and Water- Model Codes
 - Summit County Board of Health- Home treatment System issues
 - Summit County Planning- Planning and Demographic Data



- Western Reserve land Conservancy- GIS Environmental Mapping Support
- NEFCO- 208 Plans
- Ohio EPA- RAP Delisting, TMDL and NPDES Phase II Support